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——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1696-97*——

The Consultation Book and Diary of the Honble: Nathaniel Higginson Esqr: Lieutenant Generall of India & Govern^r: of Fort S^t: George &c^a: Councill their Proceedings and Transactions for affairs of the R^t: Honble: English East India Company, Begun the primo February 1696-97.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MONDAY 1ST.

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEU^T: GEN^LL; OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R; MATHEW EMPSON.

The Tobacco farmers payes into the R^t: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s; 241 : 24 for one month ending the 16th: Instant.

The Arrac farmers payes into the R^t: Honble: Company's Cash Pag^s: 500 on that acco^t.

M^r: Thomas Wright Paymast^r: read his Paymast^rs: acco^t: for the month of Decemb^r perticulers Viz^t:

Charges Garrison	Pag^s	890 : 3 :
Charges Generall	„	559 : 0 :
Charges Merchandize	„	7 : 24 :
Charges Cattle	„	46 : 23 :
Charges Dyett	„	305 : 7 :
Garrison Stores	„	8 : 31 :
Fortifications & repairs	„	30 : 9 :
Vizagapatam Factory	„	2 : 7 :
Egmore &c^a new Townes	„	0 : 18 :
Factors provisions	„	9 : 34 :
Charges Extreord^ry	„	4 : 16 :
Fort St David	„	3 : 30 :
	„	[1868 :] 23 :

Ordered that one Thousand Pag^s: be paid to M^r: Thomas Wright, Paymast^r: to defray charges Garrison.

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Mr: John Foquet Rentall Generell payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 487 on accot: Quit Rents.

Our last contract with Serrapa &ca: march[ants] provideing that they should bee paid no more money till they have delivered into our possession goods [to] the amount of Pags: 5000 on the said contract and they now produce to us an accot: of Goods at W[arrear] ready to bee sent to Fort St: David and at [Kisnapatam] ready to bee imbarqued for this place to the amount of Pags: 9000: more then the amount of their first Contract and they pleading a necessity for money to supply and secure the weavers already imploy'd to prevent their being imployed by others & being sencible of the reason It is reso[l]ved that Pags: three thousand bee now paid on the last Contract.

The Lieut. Generall Read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash the Ballance being P: 8163: [28: 3] wch: was examined.

An order of the Court of Admiralty being presented for the paying to the Minister and Church wardens Pags: 281: 14: fans: being the Ballance of the Estate of Richard Grande decd: in the Genll: Bookes, It is ordered that the same bee paid.

Ordered that Pags: 1500 bee paid to Kitte Narrain for a Bill drawne by Fort St: David as by their Genll: Letter datd: 26th: January and Pags: 34 to Capt: Sincler on their Bill and Letter datd: 22th: January.

The Leiut: Generall payes into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 55: 6: 3 (fa. ca.) being the Ballance of John Cheneys paymstrs: accot: in the Generall Bookes, alsoe Mr: John Styleman payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 13: 1 fañ: being the Ballance due from Mr: Thomas Gray Mintmastr: by the Generall Booke[s] and Mr: Thomas Wright payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 3: 34: 3 (fa. ca.) being the Ballance due from John Butterfeild decd: by the Generall Bookes.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to cause two thousand peces of Long cloth ordinary as they come in proper for Deying to bee deyed Blew whereof one halfe to bee made into shurts.

Mr: John Styleman produceth the Journall and Ledger of Fort St: George Generall Bookes P: P: brought up to the last of December last.

Ordered that the Accountant draw out accot: Sallary payable in England to John Butterfeild deceased to bee delivered to his Trustee Mr: Thomas Wright.

A petition from Mungama who calls herselfe the second wife to Nelleund wch: is referred to the Judge and the Assistant.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

THURSDAY 4.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LEIUT: GENELL:
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that the accountant doe once in three months draw out a coppy of the Accot: Currants of each ffactory with which wee correspond, as it stands in our Generall Bookes (with the Journall Entreys) to bee remitted to the respective ffactoryes who are to send us the like accot: quarterly as it stand in their Generall

Bookes. By which method the account Currants will bee better rectified and it will appear how the Generall Bookes of the severall ffact^o^s are kept up.

The Leiu^t: Generall acquaints the Councill that yesterday the Duan sent a Letter with a Guzaratt March^t: and his Chubdar; and a horseman desireing that Narrapa Nague, may come to him to speake with him, but enquireing the occasion the Guzaratt March^t: gives this acco^t.

That hee had taken a Bill on Rango Melligree a head shroffe liveing at the Kings Campe from his servant at Arcott for 4000 Rup^s: which hee sent to bee received of Melligree, but that Melligree refuseth payment being Brooke. Hee thereupon demanded the money of his servant the drawer but hee is not able to pay. Hee thereupon comes here to demand his money of Melligrees other servant here Narrapa, and desires onely that the money may bee secured, or that the man may goe along with him to the Duan.

Suncaramana another servant of Melligrees being sent for and ordered to consult what was best to bee done to secure the Creddit of their Master they both owned that the Bill was drawne, but refuse to pay it because not drawne by themselves or to give security for the money. By w^ch: and other Curcumstances it appearing probable that their Mast^r: is really Brooke, and consequently that there will bee more troublesome demands of the same nature; and it being natorious that Sunkarama hath borrowed and is indebted considerable in this place The Leiu^t: Generall charged the Talliars with their safe Custody for that night, and they being produced.

They refuse to deposit or give security for the money, and alledge that Melligre is not Brooke and now denyes to have anything of his in their hands, and by all Curcomstances of their discourse Melligree is Brook, and consequently there will bee many such troublesome demands made.

Ordered that Lazras deCrusse be entertained as a souldier in this Garrison for two years.

Stephen Frewen Sec^ry: Read his acco^t: passes for the month of January last, and payes into the R^t: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s: 7 : 12 : on that acco^t:

M^r: Thomas Wright & M^r: Gulston Addison appointed by order of Consultation on y^e: 20th: August to looke after the concernes of James Bewley dec^d: doe now produce an acco^t: of his outcry, and an acco^t: Current of his Estate and besides 500 Pag^s: formerly paid do's now pay into the R^t: Honble: Companyes: Cash the Ballance being Pag^s: 145 : 23 : and it is ordered that these acco^ts: bee sent home to the R^t: Honble: Company by the first oppertunity.

M^r: Mathew Empson Land Customer payes into the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 311 : on acco^t: Land Customes.

Generall Letter to the Govern^r: and Councill of Fort S^t: David, and to the Agent & Councill of Bengall of this days date Read.

Time drawing near for sending a shipp to Tonqueen, It is recommended to each of y^e: Council to enquire and advise of any shipp that is to bee bought or hired fit for that voyage, alsoe a small Vessell fit for the use of the West Coast.

Discoursed of persons appointed for Fort S^t: David and the West Coast. Ordered that M^r: Edmund Mountague be fourth of Councill at Fort S^t: David and Sea Customer at Cuddalore, and M^r: Richard Farmer fifth of Councill Paymaster & Storekeep^r: M^r: Trever Games sixth of Councill, M^r: John Berlue Seaventh of Councill, one of them to bee Land Customer at Cuddalore, and the other Land and Sea Customer at Tevnepatam; as the Councill shall see cause to appoint, alsoe M^r: John Rowland ffact^r: and M^r: John Boulteel writ^r: bee sent theither, one to bee Sec^ry: the other to assist the Bookekeep^r: as the Councill shall thinke fit.

M^r: Barwell and M^r: Empson report that by the Examination of the importers of Beetle mentioned in the Consultation dat^d: 25th: Janu^ry: they find cause to suspect that they all bought it of Nellecunte or his people, thô it do's not appear by passitive proofe, It is ordered that one halfe of the amount of the

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Beetle sold bee paid to the respective ꝑsons, and the other halfe bee Received by the Land Customer as a fine for discourageing such practices for the future, onely Vincate Puttee haveing brought a small parcell by the perticuler order of the Governr: hee is to receive ye: whole amount of his parcell.

There being no Packing stuffe sent nor expected from Bengall, the Warehousekeepr is ordered to buy 1000 peces of Gunnyes and Rop[pe] and Twine proportionable, all of the best sort fit for imbaleing.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M: EMPSON.

This evening Capt: Troughton and Mr: John Rowland set out for Fort St:
6 David by whome sent a Generall letter to Govr: & Councill datd 4th Inst.

Received a Generall Letter from the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David datd: 2d: Instant.

MONDAY ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LEIUT: GENELL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
8. MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR:
MR: MATHEW EMPSON
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT (sick)

The Duan haveing from St: Thoma sent a present to the Governr: in Silkes to the vallue of about 30 Pags: and hee being to depart for the Campeto morrow morning, It is ordered that a present of about sixty Pagodas vallue be returned whereof the Governr: payes thirty Pags: and the rest on the Rt: Honble: Companyes accot:

Mr. Lawrance Bridger son of Mr. John Bridger decd: doth in the name of the widdow and Executrx: demand the Coppyes of the Bookes and papers belonging to the said John Bridger wch: he sayes was seazed by the Governr: and Councill of Fort St: George, by order of the Rt: Honble: Company, and alsoe payment of Pags: 1468: 3: 1: the Ballance of said John Bridgers accot: in the Generall Bookes with the Interest thereof to bee paid here.

Mr: William Fraser warehouse-keepr: read his Warehouse accot: for the month of January last.

Ordered that Pags: 267: 9: fañ bee paid for four Iron Gunnes pz: 66 cwt: 3 qr: 7 lb: being salvage Gunnes bought of the Sea Custome at 4 Pags: ꝑ cwt. to send to Bengall.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Sea Customes.

The Warehouse keepr: reports that there is no Gunnyes to [be] bought of the best sort under tenn Pags: ꝑ hundred and therefore deferred till they are cheaper.

In persuance of an order of Consultation of the 30th: November relateing to the Steward an account of the Charges Dyet is produced, but the difference between the expences in Mr: Brough's time and before, and the occasion thereof being not explained it is referred to Mr: Thomas Wright and Mr: Matt: Empson to make a further report.

There haveing been a Complaint made that Mr: Brough had afronted Mr: William Vandenanker at the Generall Table, they were both sent for, & Mr: Morrice, Mr: Eustece and Mr: Bulteel, were examined relateing to the quarrell,

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and the examination taken in writeing and ordered to be entred in the Coppy Booke of Letters received.

Ordered that Mr : Thomas Wright Paymastr : and Mr : Edward Tredcroft, bee Justices of the Choultry.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
R : BRADDYLL.
CHAR : BARWELL.
M : EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present T[H]URSDAY 11.

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LEIUT.-GENLL OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR :
MR : MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL. MR :
MR : MATHEW EMPSON.
MR : WILLIAM FRASER } sick.
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT }

Mr : William Fraser warehousekeepr : payes into the Rt : Honble : Companyes Cash Pags : One thousand on accot : goods sold.

An answere to Mr : Lawrance Bridgers demand made last Consultation day : It is resolved as followeth that wee are [strangers] to the passage relateing to his ffather being Transacted before our time, but wee find by a Generall Letter from the Rt : Honble : Company datd : 15th : February 1681 that they dissmised Mr : Bridger their service and Ordered him to return home, And Ordered the Agent & Councill to secure his papers, and send them home with him, delivering him Coppy's and to secure his effects, and bring the proceed into their Cash for wch : they will account with him at home, and pay him what due upon adjusting accounts. wee also find by a Genell : Letter from Fort St. George datd : 11 January 168⅔ the Rt : Honble : Company is advised that Mr : Bridger being acquainted with their Orders, did desire to stay, and did stay, thô the Agent & Councill did not consent there unto till hee deyed.

Wee alsoe find a Bundle of Papers in the Custody of the Secretary sealed, and indorsed Mr : Bridgers papers, which if Mr : Lawrance Bridger will open and peruse the same before us, such papers as hee desires may bee coppyed and deleivered him.

Wee alsoe find by the Generall Bookes of Fort St : George H.H. that the sum̃e of Pags : 1468 : 3 : 1 the creddit of Mr : Bridger is wrote off to accot : Currant London, and wee doe not know that Mr : Bridger in his life time did here ever make demands thereof nor of the said Papers nor Coppyes thereof nor any Body since till now.

Wee doe not know what accounts are depending between the Rt : Honble : Company and the Deceased, nor whether the said accounts have been adjusted, and therefore cannot pay the money demanded without their Orders concerning which wee will write them by the next oppertunity.

The foregoing answere being read to Mr : Lawrance Bridger, and the Bundle of papers produced, hee opened the same and perused the papers before us, and declaring that hee found none of use to bee coppyed, the same were all (except a few pinted pamfleets) put in the Bagg, and the Bagg sealed with the Rt : Honble : Company's Seal and Mr : Bridgers.

Mr : Charles Barwell sea Customer payes into the Rt : Honble : Companyes Cash Pagodas three hundred on Accot : Sea Customes.

Mr : Mathew Empson, Land Customer payes into the Rt : Honble : Companyes Cash Pags : One hundred and twelve on accot : Land Custome.

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The Marchants adviseing the present occassion of Five thousand Pags: for supplying the weavers in these parts and Woorear Pollam and Fort St: David adviseing their intentions of drawing a Bill upon us for two thousand Pags: besides a Bill drawne for 500 Pags: and considering their will bee occassion for further payments to the Marchants at Fort St: David and this place and that wee have but 4400 Pags: in Cash It is ordered that any sume or sumes of money bee borrowed at tenn ℘ Cent Interest as oppertunity offers.

Ordered that the following sumes bee pd: vizt:

Fort St: David Bill to Fette Christnama for	P. 500:0:0
The Comps: Marchts: in further part of their last Contract ...	5000:0:0
Pags.	5500:0:0

One John Swertmana German comeing two dayes since to Towne, owneing hee formerly served the Dutch and afterwards the English at Carvarr and Bombay, being entertained in a shipp bound for Surat there left her, and went to the Mogulls Campe, where hee stayed about five months, and now comes here to seek a service in the Gunn Roome and being offered Armes hee refuseth to accept, suspecting hee may bee a Decoy to draw away our men, as some have formerly done. It is ordered that hee be comitted to the Custody of the Marshall till an oppertunity offers to put him aboard a shipp bound for Europe.

Grua one of the Tobacco farmers being lately Deceased his Brother Bompona ℘senting a Petition that his quarter share may be continued to his widdowes to the expiration of the Cowle upon which there ariseth a question, whether upon the Decease of a farmer his wife or Heir must by the Cowle as now worded Injoy the share to the time of the Cowle, or whether the Governr: and Councill may appoint another if they see cause; The resolution whereof is referred to next Consultation day, when the remaining Tobacco farmers are Ordered to attend.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M: EMPSON.

12TH. Dispatched a Generall Letter to Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David datd: this day.

Arrived Shipp Sallomut Row from Bengall and brought a Generall Letter from the Agent and Councill datd: 15th: January.

Arrived shipp Good Hope John Wallis master from Fort St: David, and brought a Generall Letter from the Governr: & Councill datd: 8th: Instant.

13 The following order was signed by the Leiut. Genll and Councill vizt:

Ordered that the Warehousekeepr: cause One hundred and ninteen Bales of Callicoes One chest of Indigo, and one hundred eighty one Baggs of Round Pepper sent from Fort St: David by Shipp Good Hope John Wallis Mastr: to bee unladen; and that hee send One thousand empty baggs by the first oppertunity to Fort St: David and six Candy of Rope and one Candy of Twine.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.

15 Arrived Shipp Francis John Mabb Master from Fort St: David.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present | MONDAY 15TH.

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR.: LEIUT:-GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN | MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: | MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL | MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

Capt: Wallis presenting a Bill datd: 8th: Instant from Fort St: David, at six dayes sight for 1050 [Pags:] Ordered that the same bee paid on Monday next.

The Attorney-Generall is Ordered to demand of Mr: John Haynes and Mr: Edmond Mountague each 125 Pags: on a Judgement granted in the Court of Admiralty datd: 6th Decembr: 1693.

Ordered that Manuel de Mount bee discharged from the Gunn Roome, hee being represented by the Gunner as an Idle drunken fellow.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his Sea Customers accot: for the month of January last perticulers vizt:—

To Custome of Goods exported & imported this month		P.	1,410 : 34 : [...]
To Ditto on Graine			656 : 12 : [...]
To Anchorage	P. 58 : 0 : 0		
To Tonnage	58 : 12 : 0		
			116 : 12 : [...]
To Salvage			267 : 9 : [...]
		Pags:	2,450 : 32 : [1]
To ffreight of Josia Ketch from Acheen and Mallacco			163 : 11 : [4]
		Pags:	2,614 : 7 : [5]

Mr: Mathew Empson Land Customer read his Land Customers acct: for the month a January last perticulers, Vizt:—

Choultry Custome	P.	278 : 17 : 10
Trivlecane Custome		0 : 1 : 0
Rubie Brokers		137 : 24 : 48
Cloth Brokers		7 : 14 : 8
Fines		2 : 0 : 0
	Pags:	425 : 20 : 66

Mr: William Fraser Mr: Thomas Wright and Mr: Mathew Empson deleivers an accot: of severall stores bought for the use of Shipp King William by Order of Consultation datd: 29th: December amount to Pags: 717 : 21 : and Mr: Fraser haveing received Pags : 1,000 : on the 30 Decemr: to defray those disburstments, and now payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 282 : 15 : being the Ballance of that accot.

Mr: William Fraser Storekeepr: read his Storekeepers accot: for the month of January last.

Mr: Kennedy desireing that Raja Cochee may be examined about the Pepper of Nocquede Tombee, upon the accot: of wch: Mr: Kennedy is charged with 308 Dollers. It is ordered that Mr: Styleman and Mr: Barwell doe call Raja Cochee, and receive his answere to such questions as Mr: Kennedy and they shall thinke fit to aske him.

Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson makes the following report Vizt.

In persuance to Orders of Consultation dated 30th: Novembr: and 8th: Febuary 169$\frac{6}{7}$ wee ye: Subscribers have perused the severall Paymastrs: and Stewards Bookes of accots: and do find that the reason of Mr : Brough's accots: swelling

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bigger then any of his predecessors proceeds from his paying for all [Stores] really expended on charges Dyet which none [be]fore him did, and further wee have compared his day Book of expences, and find them to [bee] from 30 (to) 80 Pags: ℘men: lesse then in Mr: King's time, and about 20 Pags: ℘men: lesse then in Mr: Griffiths time.

Ordered that One hundred ffiftie-three Pags: bee paid to Teete Kisnoma for one Bill drawne by the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David dated the 4th: Instant.

Ordered that Ragana &ca: washers bee paid one hundred pags: on accot: cureing the Rt: Honble: Companys Cloth.

The Tobacco farmers being called one of them is of opinion that Gruas quarter share ought to goe among the three Surveivers, the other two that Gruas Brother ought to manage it, alsoe one of them are of opinion that if one of Gruas Brothers are appointed they will bee troublesome and spoile the buissinesse, another is of opinion that they ought to continue their share otherwise they will make troublesome demands hereafter. The question last Consultation day (relateing to the Tobacco farmers) being againe put, It is Resolved that the Governr: and Councill may if they see cause appoint another partner in the Roome of the deceased farmer.

It is in this case resolved by Majority that the Widdows of Grua decd: doe hold his quarter share in the Tobacco farme, dureing the terme of the Cowle and that they doe appoint such a person for manageing their buissiness as shall be approved by the other farmers and the Councill.

A motion being made of the Inhabitants complaint for what [want ?] of Brickes for building, and cannot get them, and therefore desires leave to make them for themselves. It is referred to such of the Councill as thinke it ought to bee done, to draw out a method wereby wee may bee secured of as many Bricks as the Rt: Honble: Company shall have occassion for at the usuall rates.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe unlade from Shipp Francis fourty Bales of Callicoes, and ffiftie Baggs of Pepper which Capt: Mabb adviseth hee hath brought in his Shipp from Fort St: David, thô their Letters overland with Bill of Ladeing &ca: is not as yet arriv'd.

Nat: Higginson.
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Cha: Barwell.
Tho: Wright.
M. Empson.

16 Received a Generall Letter from the Governr: & Councill of Fort St: David datd: 11th: Instant wth: Invoice & Bill of Lading for bales and Pepper recd: ℘ ship ffrancis.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David of

18 this day's date.

Thursday 18 Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Lieut.-Generall of India
Mr: John Styleman Mr: William Fraser
Mr: Mr: Roger Braddyll
Mr: Charles Barwell Mr: Thomas Wright
Mr: Mathew Empson.

Mr: Charles Barwell payes into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: seaven hundred on accot: Sea Customes. Yorke ffort Generall Letter datd: 14th: September last adviseing of Mr: William Blunts death, and remitting on accot: of his

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Outcry amounts to Dollers 954 : 1 : [1] whereof they advise there hath been no demands there made, but they perceive by his papers that severall of the Goods belong to Mr : Wright and others of this place and Mr : Wright and Mr : Richard Blackwall haveing produced Invoyces and Mr : Blunts receipts to the Accountant which hee hath compared with the Outcry accot : and finds due 12 ℔ Cent deducted for Custome &ca : C[h]arges to Mr : Thomas Wright Pags : One hundred ninty-eight and one fannam and Mr : Richard Blackwall Pags : Eightynine and six fans : rateing 17 Dollers for tenn Pags : which sumes are ordered to bee paid and charged to Priaman Settlmt : and that the severall papers bee put into the hands of the Paymaster in order to remitt them home to his friends in England. [18TH]

Mr : Styleman and Mr : Barwell reporteing the Examination of Raja Cochee about Mr : Kennedys Pepper taken out of Nocqueda Tombe's Prowe at [P]riamong, and Mr : Kennedy being asked if hee had anything more to say against the payment of the Ballance hee answers no. The Examination rather tending to condemn then acquit him, The Ballance of his accot : was demanded being Pags : 245 : 21fa : 1ca : which hee promisses to pay in tenn dayes.

The Warehousekeepr : is ordered to pay the Commandrs : of Shipp Good Hope and ffrancis the ffreight of the Bales and Pepper brought from Fort St : David at ¾ a Pagoda ℔ Bale and ½ a Pag : ℔ Candy for Pepper as ℔ Bill of Ladeing.

The Warehousekeeper is Ordered to send tenn Covids of the muster of Long Cloth No. 3 to Fort St : David.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
CHAS : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Shipp Sampson arrived from England. 19

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDRY : FRYDAY 19.

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LEIUT.-GENLL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATHEW EMPSON.

The Pacquet from the Rt : Honble : Company ℔ Shipp Sampson being opened is found to containe as ℔ List of the Pacquet entered after this Consultation ; the Generall Letter dated 20th : ffebuary 1695 being the same with that which came by the Sedgwick.

The warehousekeepr : is ordered to unlade the Treasure and Cargo of Shipp Sampson with all convenient expedition, placeing the Cloth Bales in the Sea Gate Godowne, there being at present no other place to put them in.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

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List of the Companys Pacquet to Fort St. George ℘ Shipp Sampson.

No. 1. The Companys Generall to y[e]: Fort dat[d]: 20th: ffeb[ry]: 1695.

2. Invoyce of the said Shipp.

3. Bill of Ladeing of the said Shipp.

4. Charter party of the said Shipp.

5. A Letter from Mr. Samuel Ongley with Patterns.

6. The Auditor Generalls Letter to the Fort.

7. Contract between Coja Panous Callendar and the Company concerning Bay goods.

8. Mr. John Davis Letter of Procuration & Attorney to y[e]: Lieut: Gen[ll]: &c[a].

9. Coppy of M[r]: W[m]: Messengers petition.

10. Secret Letter to bee opened onely by our Lieu[t]. Gener[ll]: and seccond of Councill at y[e]: Fort dat[d]: 18 ffeb[ry]: 1695.

11. Four Lists of Goods shipped on board for perticuler persons including y[e]: Victualling Bill &c[a].

20 Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Gov[r]: and Councill of Fort S[t]: David of this days date.

MONDAY 22.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LEIU[T]. GEN[LL]: OF INDIA

M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN — M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER

M[R]: — M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL

M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL — M[R]: THOMAS: WRIGHT

M[R]: MATHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that three hundred Pag[s]: bee paid to M[r]: Thomas Wright Paymast[r]: to defray charges Garrison.

The Warehousekeep[r]: is ordered to deliver to M[r]: Thomas Marshall One Bagg of Dollers advised in the 24 Parr: of the Generall Letter dat[d]: 20th: ffeb[ry]: 1695 to be put in Chest No. 338 containing 400 oz: and his name being wrote on the outside of the Bagg.

The Lieut. Generall representing to y[e] Councill that hee cannot personally attend the buissinesse of the mint soe constantly as it ought to bee done, propounds that a Mint Master bee apointed to take charge thereof, the Coynage of Rupees being setled by Contract with the Minters, soe as it may bee easely managed as ℘ Consultat: of [*lacuna*] date.

Resolved that M[r]: Roger Braddyll bee Mint Master.

There being 43 Chests of Treasure receiv'd ℘ Shipp Sampson, whereof 13 Dollers and 30 Ingot[ts.] It is ordered that the 13 Chests of Dollers bee sold as soon as they can conveniently, to pay off our Debts for goods bought, and to carry on our Investments here and at Fort S[t]: David.

And that the 30 Chests of Ingotts be delivered to the Mint mast[r]: as hee shall call for the same to bee coyned into Rupees wherein hee is Ordered to use the greatest expedition, that they may bee sent to Bengall.

Cap[t]: Phrip produceth an acco[t]: signed by the Warehousekeeper of 27–14–6 (Ca. Md. lb.) of Benjamin and 233–9–20 (Ca. Md. lb.) of Round Pepper garbled, received from the Owners of Brigantine Acheen March[t]: bought of them as ℘ Consultation 31st: December at 90 Pag[s]: ℘ Candy for the Benjamin and 23 Pag[s]: ℘ Candy for the Pepper amounts to Pag[s]: 7864–12–3, but not haveing sufficient Cash, It is agreed that the said sume bee paid them on the 23rd: March next allowing the Owners Interest for y[e]: same at the rate of 10 ℘ Cent from this day.

The R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company in the 16th: Parr. of their Generall Letter by the Sampson directs that y[e] Sampson proceed from hence for Bencoolen, to bring a

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Ladeing of Pepper hither, and bee dispatched from hence with Coast Goods, But they leave it to us to dispose of the Shipp as occassion shall require, and tho it would bee very convenient that She do proceed for Bencoolen to carry Stores, Souldiers and writers, where she will b[ee] a Countenance to the place and will probable find a considerable quantity of Pepper ready, yet It is resolved that she proceed for Bengall, as soon as she can conveniently bee dispatched for the following reasons:—

(1) There is an Interloper there and another expected, and it will be a very great disreputation to the Rt: Honble: Company in the opinion of the natives, if they have no shipp there.

(2) The Agent and Councill advise the want of money, and it is necessary, that as large a stocke bee sent them as can be spared, and so soon as it can bee got ready, and if the Sampson bee not sent to Bengall, the Stocke must bee sent on ffreight by Countrey Shiping.

(3) Thiere last Letter this day received dated 25th: January adviseth their necessity of a shipp for Countenance, and defence of the ffactory. The Rebbell Rajas forces increasing and haveing lately seazed and imprisoned Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Teshmaker at Rajemauld and thô the Rt: Honble Company doe advise by theirs of the 20th: May that two shipps are designed to follow for Bengall, yet their arrivall being uncertaine, It is resolved that the Sampson bee sent theither with all expedition unlesse another shipp shall in the mean time arrive fit to proceed for Bengall.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Arrived Shipp Olive Branch James Howell Mastr: from Bengall, and 22 brought a Generall Letter from ye: Agent & Councill datd: 25th: January with papers according to List.

Serrapa the Rt: Honble: Comps: Chief Marchant arrived from Fort St: David, and acquaints yt at Putapoota between Bummiapollam and Conimeer Gonrage a Morratta Pollygarr came with about One hundred Muskeeters divided into three parts wch: in the night assaulted Serrapa and his Company in three severall places, at each place 30 (or) 40 men discharging their Gunns at them at once, with whome they fought haveing 30 Peons & 2 Topasses with him. None killed but severall wounded and Serrapas turbet was shot off his head but received no wound.

Sloop Mahamode Sallamat arrived from Cuddalore.

This evening Mr. Edmond Mountague set out for Fort St. David. 24

ATT A CONSULTATION

T[H]URSDAY 25.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LEIUT.-GENTLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer payes into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: six hundred on accot: Sea Customes.

There being no List nor account in the Genell: Letter of the Souldiers and Passenger by Shipp Sampson. The Commr: hath deleivered a list of 30 Souldiers, whereof ninteen dead and runn in the Voyage and eleven onely are received ashoar. It is ordered that the Coppy of the said List be remitted to the Rt: Honble: Company by the first oppertunity.

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The other passengers being sent for and ordered to produce their Indenture or Orders from the Rt: Honble: Compa:

Capt. Matth: Werlinhoffe produceth his Indentures datd: 24th: Aprill 1696 for serveing the Rt Honble: Company so long as hee shall continue within the Limits of their Charter at the sallary of £ 100 ℔ anñ: : from the time of arrivall at Fort St George and upon the usuall termes of their Covenant Servts alsoe a Commission under the Rt Honble Company's seal both of the same date Coppy whereof is entered after the Consultation, wherein he being appointed to follow the Orders of the Secret Committee, the Lieut: Generall doth acquaint, that he hath received directions from the Secret Committee concerning him perticularly in their Letter of 5th May 1696 that hee is to receive his sallary £100 ℔anñ from the 24th: Aprill 1696 the date of his Indentures, and his said Commission admits of same construction.

Ordered that at the next payment of sallary Capt: Werlinhooffe doe receive said sallary (Vizt: halfe paid in India) from the said time of the 24th: Aprill 1696. That hee have accomodations in the ffort, and at the Genell: Table takeing place next to Cheifs of ffactorys.

Mr. John Griggory produceth his Indentrs: datd: 31st Janry 169⅚ as ffree Marchant to reside at Fort St. George, Mr. Edwd: Barkham the like, Indenture of the same date and Mr. Robt. Broughton the like datd: 13th March 169⅚.

Mr. George Shaw produceth his Indentures datd 6th March 169⅚ to serve as ffactr. for 5 years at £15 ℔ anñ: sallary from the time of his arrivall at Fort St. George and Mr. Henry Dobyns produceing his Indentures as ffactr datd: 14th Janry 169⅚ to serve 5 years at £15 ℔ anñ. sallary which Indentures being of prior date to that of Mr. Shaw's. It is resolved that Mr: Dobyns take place unlesse the Rt: Honble: Company shall otherwise direct.

Mr: Richard Blackwall who about three years past had entred into treatyes with Arzumanague and other officers of the Campe for the Governmt: of Porto Novo upon wch: accot: hee was confined for a time, but since his releasement hath behaved himselfe in such manner that wee apprehend him so sencible of his former Error as not to relapse into the like disorder, Haveing offered to serve the Rt: Honble: Company as a Cherurgeon of the West Coast and wee had in Consultation concerted with him the Generall termes before the arrivall of the Sampson by wch: shipp comes out Water Chesly and tells us that hee is to serve the Rt: Honble: Company as a Chirurgeon at the West Coast for three years at the rate of 6£ ℔ meñ: But the Generall Letter makeing no mention of him hee was required to produce his Indentes: or Agreement in writeing, and hee alledgeing that hee has none, and the Commander being asked by what order hee received him aboard, answered that hee had an order for receiveing him a passenger in like manner as for others but that hee hath mislaid it & cannot find it. Enquiry haveing been thereupon made concerning his deportement in the voyage it doth appear (as by the examination after this Consultation) that hee hath been addicted to Drunkennesse and quarrelling (perticulerly at the Cape in one drunken fit atempting the life of Mr: Dobyns and the Shipps Cook with his sword) and his conversation here in this short time proves him so inclined. In wch: respect it is unanimously resolve'd that thô he were sent out by the Rt: Honble: Company for that place yett hee ought not to bee sent theither (where there is already such another drunken man who for that reason wee remove) nor indeed is fit for their service in any other ffactory, and therefore resolved that he have liberty to returne or to continue in India as a ffreeman, at lest till hee shall produce to us an Indenture.

And it is resolved that Mr: Richd: Blackwall doe proceed by the next oppertunety to Yorke ffort to serve the Rt: Honble: Company as a Chirurgeon on the termes propounded (to be further concerted) where wee have good reason to hope that hee will be servicable to the emprovement of the place

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perticulerly by Planting and Gardening wherein hee is experienced and active, and that hee will alsoe bee carefull in his Medicinall employm^t.

The R^t: Honble: Company in the 20th: Parr of their Letter dat^d: 20th: ffebu^ry: 169⅚ Ordering that the Portuguze Common prayer Bookes bee distributed for the use of the Porteguze Inhabitants in such manner, as will best tend to y^e: Propagation of the Protestant religion, It is ordered that the same bee all deleivered to M^r: Lewis to bee kept in the Church Librarey and by him distributed to such of the Porteguze as desire and understand them, and because there are at present but few such, It is ordered y^t: hee lend one of them to any of the R^t: H: Comp^s: servants or marryed Inhabitants especially such as have in their famillys Porteguze serv^ts: or slaves who speeke the Language But there being but seaventy two Bookes now sent (the rest being to follow.) M^r: Lewis is to keep a List of the persons to whome they are lent who are to subscribe their names in y^e: List under a title obligeing them to returne the Bookes when demanded under y^e: penalty of paying One Pagoda each.

Ordered that the Boxes of Mint Utensills for Assayes bee delivered to M^r: Stone y^e: Assay Master, and the Box of necessaryes for the Chirurgeon with the two Chests of Medicines for this place bee deleivered to D^r: Bulkley and that hee and D^r: Brown do veiw y^e: Chest of Medicines for Fort S^t: David and y^e: West Coast in the presence of the Warehousekeeper who is to take care that they take nothing out.

M^r: Thomas Wright Paymast^r: read his Paymasters acco^t: for the month of Janu^ry: last ℘ticulers Viz^t:

Charges Garrison	P.	874 :	27 :	
Vizagapatam Fact^ry:		1 :	18 :	
Egmore &c^a : New Townes		0 :	18 :	
Charges Generall		476 :	14 :	
Charges Merchandize		5 :	15 :	½
Charges Cattle		32 :	26 :	¾
Charges Dyet		496 :	9 :	
Fortifications & Repairs		118 :	34 :	
Charges Extraord^ry:		4 :	16 :	
Shipp Sedgwick		463 :	31 :	½
Josia Ketch		416 :	17 :	½
Fort : St David		3 :	30 ·	
Anjango		102 :	21 :	
West Coast		32 :	8 :	
M^r : Ellis &c^a : Voy^a : to Trincomolay		184 :	28 :	
	Pag^s:	3214 :	26 :	¼

NATH : HIGGINSON. CHA : BARWELL.
JO : STYLEMAN. THO : WRIGHT.
WILL : FRASER. M. EMPSON.

Wee the Governour and Company of March^ts: of London Trading into the East Indies by vertue of Power and authority granted to us by severall Charters under the great seal of England, do hereby constitute and appoint you Captaine ffrederick Matt[:]V: Werlinhoffe to bee our Engineer, Miner Gene^ll: and Covenant servant to serve us in the East Indies, and in such other employment as you shall bee directed unto by us, or any authorised by us, at and for the sallary of one hundred Pounds a year; you are to take your Passage on the Shipp Sampson, now outward bound for the East Indies, Hereby recommending you to our Generall Leiu^t: Generall, Presidents, Agents, and Councills in India to give you their furtherance and assistance in the carrying on of our service wherein you are imployed, and commanding all other our Inferiour Officers and souldiers to yeild you due obedience as our Enginer and Miner Generall, and you yourselfe to observe and follow such orders and directions as you have or shall receive from

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Sealed with ye: Comps: seal (after ye: stamp was affixed) in ℘sence of E: Portmans Han: Collyer.

us, or from the Governour for the time being, and such as are or shall be apointed to bee of our Secret Committee for ye: managemt: of the Companys affaires or any three of them as fully as if the same were signed by ye: whole Court of Committees. In wittnesse whereof wee have caused our Common seal to bee affixed to these ℘sents this four & twenti[e]th day of Aprill Anno Domin: 1696 and in the Eighth year of ye: Reign of our Soveraigne Lord William by the Grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland Defender of ye: ffaith &c:

25 Received a Generall Letter from the Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam datd: 4th: Instant.

Received a Generall Letter from the Governr: and Councill of Fort St: David datd: 22nd: Febry:.

Received a Generall Letter from Capt: James Thwaits at Trincomalay datd: 12th: ffebuary.

Received a Generall Letter from Mr: Thomas Lovell at Trincomalay datd: 13th: ffebry:.

Shipp St: Jude arrived from Bengall.

The Examination of Capt: Earle and the Passengers relateing to Watter Chesly.

CAPT: EARLE.

That in the Cape the Shipps Cooke complained to him that Mr: Chesly attempted to kill him with a sword, but Mr: Chesly denyed it and in the same evening word was brought to him that Mr: Chesly had drawne his sword upon Mr: Dobbyns upon wch: hee went and found it true and disarm'd Chesly.

Mr: Shaw declares that Chesly in some short time after there comeing to sea proveing troublesome in the Great Cabin hee forbid him comeing theither upon wch: Chesly sent him a Challenge to fight him on ye: first land wch: Challeng Mr: Shaw showed ye: Commr: as the Commr: alsoe now declars.

Mr: Chesly doth deny that hee attempted the life of the Black fellow but ownes that Mr: Dobbyns in discourse giveing him the lye, hee drew his sword and bid Mr: Dobbyns draw, wch: Mr: Dobbyns sayes hee did alsoe draw in his own deffence, but the Captaine upon he[a]reing a Clashing of swords, comeing in Mr: Chesly deleivered him his sword and there was no hurt done.

FRYDAY 26 ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDRY:

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON, ESQR: LEIUT. GENLL: INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR:	MR:
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

MR: MATHEW EMPSON

Mr: Roger Braddyll at the Mount.

Serrapa being lately come from Wooriar Pollam, hee and the rest of the Marchants being sent for, gave an accot: of their buissinesse there.

Serrapa acquaints that at Woorearpollam there is now 3000 Loomes employed for ye: Comps: Investment, which if they are not supplyed with money they will be supplyed by others (there being severall nations now procureing Cloth) but so long as they are furnished with money the Wooriar hath laid them under an obligation to worke constantly for the Companyes buissinesse. That so long as ye Warr continues between the Moors and Morattas, there is no place so safe as that, being so strong a wood that an Armey cannot enter it. And if Zulpaker Cawne shall now in his passage to Tanjore goe that way the people round about will get into the woods, and then everything will bee very dear.

That the goods now provided at Woorear are better then those brought from thence upon the former Contract, and the Loomes are all framed to a due measure &

number of Punjumes which in Long Cloth and Sallampors are 16 (to) 17 Punjums.

The Marchants being asked whether they thinke it convenient to goe on with the buissinesse at Woorear and in what manner, they reply that Serrapa has settled y[e] buissinesse well at Woorear, but if others shall offer a fannam more for a piece, the Woorears now employ'd will leave off and worke for others, unlesse they are constantly suppleyed. And if the Nabob goes that way it will bee troublesome and hazerdous. However they think it convenient to goe on with the provission of Cloth at Worear.

Being asked if they could undertake to provide 5 or 6000 Pag[s]: in Cloth Monthly at Woorear, or how much they will undertake to provide there, and in these parts monthly they promisse an answere on Monday next.

Some of the Inhabitants haveing occassion to build and desireing leave to make brickes for themselves without employing any Brickmakers or others now in the Companys employ who haveing declared to the Paymaster that they will notwithstanding goe on with the Companys Contract as formerly; It is ordered that the Paymaster do permitt any of the Inhabitants to make Brickes for themselves, but not to employ any of the Company['s] Workemen, nor to sell Brickes to others without leave.

And the Paymaster reporting that the Brickmakers owe upon the Ballance of acco[t]: Pag[s]: 75 and have two kilns ready for burning for finishing thereof they want two hundred Pag[s]: The Paymaster is ordered to impresse soe much to them.

Ordered that James Robinson be entertained as a ffactor at Yorke ffort, and to goe theither in the next shipp, in the meantime that hee take his Dyat at the Generall Table and bee employed by the second in coppying West Coast Bookes &c[a]:

Cap[t]: John Wallis haveing offerd to sell or let his shipp at ffreight on a voyage for Tonqueen, It is ordered that the Gunner goe aboard takeing two Masters from the shoar to Serveigh and report in writeing the condition of the shipp.

Ordered that the Paymaster doe demand and receive from Cap[t]: Erle the goods and necessaryes belonging to John Hunter writ[r]: who deyed in the Voyage, Selling the same by outcry, and bring the proceed into y[e]: Comp[s]: Cash.

Considering the impediments of y[e]: Trade in Bengall the issue whereof is uncertaine, and the scarcity and difficulty of procureing Cloth on the Coast, It is resolved that all the long Cloth and Sallampor's, brought by the Marchants either here at Fort S[t]: David or Vizagapatam bee sorted and received makeing due abatements proportionably to the worsnesse, and if any of it shall prove soe bad as not to bee fit for the Europe Market or not wanted to fill up a shipps Tonnage the worst may bee usefull for y[e]: West coast or otherwise as occassion requires.

The Leiu[t]: Generall produces M[r]: Edward Fleetwoods Diary of transactions at Ava in persuance of the Order of Consultation dat[d]: 11th: September 1695 with translates of severall letters from the King and Prince[s] of Ava, w[ch]: are referred to the perusall of the Councill in order to the settleing of a method whereby the Trade of that place may be rendered usefull to this, perticulerly for the repaireing and refiting of shipps.

Ordered that William Daurson late Gunn[r]: of the Moccah ffrigat, being reputed an able sober and carefull man bee entertained for a Tryall as Cheif Gunners mate at six Pag[s]: ℔ meñ.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHAS: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to his Exc[cy]: S[r]: John Gayer of this days date under Armenian Covert:

Arrived shipp.

MONDAY 1.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LEIU^T: GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: M^R:
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATHEW EMPSON.
M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL at the Mount.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper Lade on Shipp Sampson thirty four and a halfe Tonns of Reddwood being her Charterparty proportion.

Capt: Heron, Capt Ryder and the Gunner haveing surveighed shipp Good Hope, report that she is not sufficiently fastned and stored for a Voyage to Tonqueen, and there being another ship to bee sold of about 140 Tonns. It is ordered that the Gunner doe with the same or other Command^rs: (and the Carpenter of the Europe shipp) surveigh and report the condition of that or any other shipp of about 100 Tonns that is to bee sold.

M^r: John Foquet Rentall Generall payes into the R^t: Honble: Comp^e: Cash Pag^s: 347 on acco^t: Quit rents.

Ordered that three hundred fourty seaven Pag^s: bee paid to M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

M^r: William Fraser Warehousekeep^r: pay's into the R^t: Honble: Companyes Cash Pag^s: three hundred on acco^t: goods sold.

M^r: James Sowden haveing severall times refused or neglected to Coppy Bookes of Accounts and very idle and negligent in every buissinesse, that hee hath been employed in notwithstanding many admonitions and tryalls made seemes to bee incorrigable, It is resolved by majority that hee bee discharged from the R^t: Honble: Camp^s: service, and M^r: Sowden being sent for was acquainted therewith.

Noqueda Mahmood Baker represents that the shipp Nocqueda Savad belonging to Hossen Cawne a Marchant at Surat, being bound from Bengall for Surat, was put up by contrary winds into this Port the 25th: ffebuary where finding the Monsoon past and that hee must stay here six or seaven months before hee can proceed for Surat, hee desires liberty to unlade and house his Cargo for security, and that when the time come for Surat hee may have liberty to relade them without paying Custome. Haveing no Orders from his Master for selling; but hath sent to his Master for orders, and if hee receives orders will pay Custome for what hee sells. In the meantime all the Goods may bee put into a godowne and the Companyes Servants keep the key.

The curcomstances of the ffactory at Surat being not known unto us, nor what the consequence may bee of Complaints of this nature, It may in that respect be expedient to grant the Nocquedas request; But considering the strictnesse of the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: orders for all goods landed to [pay] Custome, and that the granting such a liberty to one may bee an ill-president in other cases, It is resolved that an answere for the present bee given the Nocqueda, that we cannot grant his request and the matter may bee hereafter further considered as reason shall appear.

There being no wine or Bear &c^a: Factory provissions, It is ordered that the following stores bee bought for this and other Factorys Viz^t—

Bear y^e: quantity of 10 Butts in Butts or Punchions.
Reddwine in Caske if good 4 or 5 small Caske.
Ditto in Bottles, 2 Chests.
Cannary, 2 Chests.
Brandy the quantity of three Cases.
Cheeses two hundred weight.

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And that Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson doe take care to buy the foregoing ꝑticulers, and Mr: Wright to pay for the same delivering it out to the Steward as occassion requires,

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 183: on account Sea Customes.

There being no Paper fit for Bookes and Letters, and none sent by this Shipp, Mr: Barwell is ordered to provide 30 (or) 40 ream to suppley this and other ffactoryes which they all want.

Mr: Styleman understanding Mallayes and Mr: Barwell the affaires of the West Coast, It is ordered that they treat with Raja Cocheen the West Coast Embassedore, and report the same.

Mr: Chesely haveing deleivered an Information against Capt: Erle consisting of Seaventeen Articles; the Secery: is ordered to deleiver him a Coppy thereof and acquaint him that hee is desired to explaine every article they being not inteligable.

A Petition of Mangoma who pretends herselfe to bee the Widdow of Nelleconte decd: against Kisna for takeing and carrying away a bundle from out of her Chest (supposed to bee Rubyes or Jewells) whereof hee demanded one third part for himselfe and never deleivered it.

Ordered that all the Justices of ye: Choultry doe cause the perticulers of the foresaid complaint to bee strictly examined and report the same.

Nat: Higginson
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Chas: Barwell.
Tho: Wright.
M. Empson.

Received a generall Letter from the Governr: & Councill of Fort St: David datd: 25th: past.

Att a Consultation — Thursday 4.

Present

The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Leiut: Genell: of India
Mr: John Styleman Mr:
Mr: Mr:
Mr: Charles Barwell Mr: Thomas Wright
Mr: Mathew Empson.
Mr: Wm: Fraser, Mr: Roger Braddyll } at the Mount.

The accountant produceing Mr: Kennedy's accot: by the Ballance whereof hee is indebted to the Rt: Honble: Company Pags: 316: 6: 1. It is ordered that a Coppy thereof bee deleivered to him, and that hee give his answere on Monday next, if hee hath any objection thereunto.

The Leiut: Generall read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash the Ballance being Pags: 615: 6: 3.—

The Leiut: Generall produces a Bill brought to him by Ignatio Marcus an Armenian, on the 2d: Instant desireing the same may bee set up at the Sea Gate, with Coppyes of the same in the Armenian, Porteguze, and Mallabarr Languag[es.] Resolved that permission be not given for Publishing the said Bill at the Sea Gate, because the furnishing of a ffreight to a shipp leying in St: Thoma Road, and bound from thence for Manhilla, tends to the advancemt: of the Trade at St: Thoma, and the prejudice of the Trade of this place and the discouragement of Tradeing inhabitants, especially such as are concerned in shipping; as it appears by the tenor of the Bill entered after this Consultation.

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The Gunner &c[a]: reporteing their Surveigh of shipp St: John, that she is a good strong ship fit for a voyage, thô wants some repaire and stores, and that she is worth 1700 Pag[s]: being about 140 Tonns; not being at present assured of another shipp fit for Tonqueen It is ordered that Mr: Empson doe bid for her at Outcry [as] far as 1700 Pag[s]: but not to exceed 1800 Pag[s]:

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Shipp St: Paul by Gods permission designes to depart from St: Thoma for Manhilla and Maccow by the 20th: Instant so that any ꝑsons that are minded to lade any goods thereon may repair to Senr. Ignatio Marcus and agree wth: him for the usuall termes of Freight to either of the aforesaid places. Fort St. George March 1st: 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

FRYDAY 5TH ATT A CONSULTATION EXTORDAORDRY:

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LEIUT: GENELL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR:
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

The Marchants acquainting that they want some Green Broad Cloth ordry: to put of their Redd remaining unsold and desireing two Bales upon the same termes they received 4000 Pag[s]: in Europe goods on the 23 Novembr: last, promissing to deleiver Cloth at the same time with that vizt: the last of Aprill next, The warehouse keepr: is ordered to deleiver two Bales to them, and if there bee any pieces damaged, hee is to make them a reasonable abatement.

The Marchants giveing a perticuler accot: of the moneys they have issued to severall places for provission of Cloth, the amount of Goods received, and money remaining upon the Loomes there doth appear as they doe represent a necessety for their suppleying the weavers with more money, to prevent there being employed by others, to wch: end they demand 5000 Pag[s]: to bee upon the same termes with the last contract of the 23rd: Novemr: and they offer to oblige themselves to deleiver the same within the time of the said Contract.

In consideration that the Marchants cannot secure the Loomes now employed for the carrying on further investments of this year, otherwise then by a present furnishing of them with money resolved that any sum̃e or sumes of money not exceeding 5000 Pag[s]: bee paid them upon there foresaid termes as the same can bee procured.

Being two Large Country Boats bound for Vizagapatam the Warehousekeepr: is Ordered to Lade $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the metals &c[a]: bought for that ffactory bee Laden on each Boat, and that Mr: Barwell doe agree with the Owners for the ffreight of the same.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

7 Received a Generall Letter from Mr: Ellis &c[a]: datd: 22th: Febuary 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

Received a Generall Letter from the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David datd: 3rd: March 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 8.

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LEIU^T: GENE^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Peter Domingo a Coffery bee entertained a souldier in this Garrison for two years.

A Letter from M^r: Ellis &c^a: which doth acquaint that the Towing of the Raft has carryed the Brigantine to Jeffnepatam where they are detained by contrary winds to that day.

The Warehousekeep^r: reports the damage of the Europe Cloth ℘ Shipp Sampson amounting to Pag^s: 163: 13: 3 whereof deleivered to the Captaine 1 P^s: 1¾ yard of Aurrora, and 16 yards of Broad Cloth ordinary amount to Pag^s: 61½ the report being owned and signed by the Commander.

M^r: John Meverell payes unto the Secretary Pag^s: 450: 35: 37 on acco^t: the Talliars revenue from May to December last.

M^r: Robt: Broughton and M^r: Edwd: Barkham ffree Marchants mentioned in the Consultation of the 25th: past, haveing voluntaryly offered to serve the R^t: Honble: Company at the West Coast and the whole Councill being satisfyed in y^e: carrecter and conversation, It is resolved that they bee entertained as ffactors, signeing Bonds as usually, and that M^r: Broughton bee third of Councill at Yorke ffort, and M^r: Barkham of Councill at Yorke ffort or second at [P]riamong as shall bee hereafter ordered their sallary to commence from the time of their arrivall at Yorke ffort, and while they stay here to have accomodations in the ffort, and dyet at the Generall table, and to employ their spare time in Coppying and peruseing the Generall Bookes.

The Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David desireing stores according to their List, It is ordered that the following bee provided and kept in readynesse, being all that can bee spared out off our store or bought at present.

Three Demee Culverings.
120 Ash Handspickes.
500 lb. of Europe Match.
One Powder Proof.
One thousand shot from 4^lbs to 20^lbs w^tt:
20 Barrs of steel
20 Teake Timbers.
One Chest of Medecins.
to bee bought 20 (or) 30 Mortivan Jarrs.
Five ream of small paper.
Two ,, of Larger.
Tenn Quier of Booke paper.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall Letter from the President and Councill of Surat dat^d: 11th: Decemb^r: under Armenian Covert. 9

Received a Generall Letter from the Governour and Councill of Fort S^t: David dat^d: 6th: Instant. 10

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Fort S^t: David dat^d: this day.

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[10TH] Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam of this days date.

THURSDAY 11TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LEIUT : GENELL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Pags : 281 : 5¾ bee paid unto Mrs : Margery Heathfeild being for a Bill drawne by the Governour and Councill of Fort St : David datd : 25th : ffebuary.

Capt: Erle Commr : of Shipp Sampson demanding 1500 Dollers on Charter party termes(as ℘ his request in writeing entered after this Consultation) The Warehouse-keepr : is ordered to deleiver the same on demand.

The Marchants haveing made an offer of takeing one hundred Bales of Broad Cloth, and the Godowne Customers haveing made an offer to the warehousekeepr : for buying 30 (or) 40 Bales, hee is ordered to take their proposalls in writeing, and report the same next Consultation day.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
R : BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

TO THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR
LEIUT : GENERALL OF INDIA &CA : COUNCILL.

Whereas it is agreed by Charterparty between the Rt : Honble : Company and the owners of the Shipp Sampson, that the said Ship should be supplyed in India, with fifteen hundred peices of Eight, on Charterparty termes. I request your Honr : would please to order ye : Payment of the same, for the use of the said shipp, which will oblige.

May it please yor : Honr : &ca
Your Honrs : most obedient humble : servt :
WILLIAM ERLE.

12 Arrived shipp Dolphin from Pegue Andrew Holland Master.

13 Arrived Brigantine Acheen Marchant from Fort St. David, and brought a Generall Letter from the Governr : and Councill datd 10th March.

MONDAY 15TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LEIUT : GENELL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that one hundred and eighty Bales and seaventy one Baggs of Pepper wch come from Fort St. David by Brigantine, [Ach]een Marchant bee unladen; and that the Judge Advocate issue out his warrant to the Marshall for bringing ashoar, and keeping in his Custedy the four persons, sent by the Brigantine for false coyneing.

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The Tobacco ffarmers payes into the Rt:Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 241 : 24 for one month ending the 16 Instant.

Of the Cloth now received from Fort St. David by Brigantine Acheen Marchant there being 150 Bales of Longcloth and Sallampores, belonging to our Marchants, It is ordered that the Sorters doe veiw and report 2 (or) 3 Bales of each sort, and that the Accountant doe then draw out the accot: thereof, and adjust the same with the Marchants.

Mr Mathew Empson, Land Customer read his Land Customers accot: for the month of ffebuary last Vizt :—

Choultry Custome	P. 315 :	28 :	10
Trivelecane Custome	0 :	2 :	0
Rubie Brookers	69 :	6 :	24
Cloth Brokers	6 :	19 :	10
Fines	7 :	0 :	0
Pags:	398 :	19 :	44

Mr Mathew Empson Land Customer payes into the Rt Honble Companyes Cash Pags 397 on accot Land Customes.

The Warehousekeeper reporting that the 700 Piggs of Lead received ℘ shipp Sampson being weighed by the Warehouse Connecople weighes 10 cwt : 4 lb. short of the Invoyce weight thô right in tale, It is ordered that Mr Eustac[e] and Mr Dobings see the same weighed ove[r] againe.

Mr William Fraser Warehousekeepr read his warehouse accot for the month of ffebry last.

Ordered that one thousand Pags bee paid Mr Thomas Wright Paymastr to defray charges Garrison.

Mr Charles Barwell Sea Customer payes into the Rt Honble Comps Cash Pags Six hundred on accot Sea Customes.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Deleivered a Passe to Shipp Good Hope Capt: John Wallis Commr burthen 100 Tonn[s boun]d for Bengall & a Passe for Ditto shipps Company.

Arrived Brigantine Nocqueda Nera from Acheen.

Arrived Shipp Hanna John Stocke Mastr from Acheen, and brought a Genell Letter from Mr Soams datd 10th ffebuary 169 6/7.

Arrived shipp St Antoney from Pegue.

Arrived shipp Sante Creuze from Bengall belonging to the Armenians, wce: 16
brought a Generall Letter from ye: Agent and Councill of Bengall datd 1st Febuary 169 6/7.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTAORDRY — WENSDAY 17.

Present:

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LEIUT: GENELL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

Generall Letter from Bengall ℘ shipp Santa Cruze datd: 1st ffebuary read and it is ordered that the Warehousekeeper: do cause the 3,200 Baggs of Salt Petre to be unladen from said shipp.

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Generall Letter to Bengall datd: 4th ffebruary 15th and 17th: Instant read and signed.

Ordered that the Warehousekeepr: sell Lead at 9½ Pags per Candy to those Customers that buy the quantity of 50 Candy or more and those that buy a lesse quantity 10 Pags: per candy.

Mr. Chesley haveing deleivered in a Paper of Informations against Capt Erle, and Captain Erle hath given in his answere thereunto they are both deleivered to the Councill for their perusall as alsoe a report now made by the Justices of the Choultrey of their Examinations of Kisna, relateing to Mangoma.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Shipp Jerusalem arrived from Bengall belonging to the Armenians.

19 Deleivered a Printed Passe to shipp Amety burthen 80 Tonns bound for Bengall.

Shipp Amety sailed for Bengall, Capt: Saml: Hart Commr: by whome sent a Genell: letter datd 15th and 17th Instant.

Shipp Good Hope John Wallis Mastr sailed for Bengall.

The following order was signed by the Leiut. Generall and Councill Vizt:

Shipp Sampson staying for the Coinage of rupees for Bengall wch: will take up a longer time to coin a requisite quantity It is ordered that 50,000 Rups: or so many as can bee procured, bee bought of such as are content to take our Bills for payment in three or two months time, deducting from the currant price the Interest for the said time.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS: WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.

SATURDAY 20TH. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDNY:

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:, LEIUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson reports the Liquors & ca: bought by order of Consultation datd: 1st March amot: to Pags: 397: 21 the disposeall whereof is by the Leiut: Generall referred to ye: Order of Councill.

The Attorney Generall reports a Judgement in the Court of Admiralty against Mr: Vicissimus Griffith for Pags: 541: 23: 4 payable to the Rt: Honble: Company being on accot: Sea Customes & ca: at Fort St. David.

Mr: Griffith being sent for and the money demanded of him doth refuse to pay or give security or his Bond for the same alledging that hee never received the money, but that it was received by him that was appointed Connecople, who runn away with it.

It being offered to Mr: Griffith that if hee hath any arguments to produce in his favour, which containe matter worthey to bee referred to the Rt: Honble:

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Company's consideration, wee will send them to their Honrs: upon condition hee gives us his Bond here for the money payable to the Rt: Honble: Company in England if they shall not see cause to remitte the same, which offer Mr: Griffith doth accept, and promisses to deleiver in his paper on Thursday next.

Ordered that Mr: James Eustace bee Steward in the roome of Mr: Francis Brough and to commence the first of next month and that then Mr: Brough doe deliver all to him under his charge.

NAT: HIGGINSON. CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER. M: EMPSON.
R: BRADDYLL.

Deleivered a Passe to Shipp Happy Returne burthen 50 Tonns bound for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION 22ND.

Present MONDAY 22ND

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LEIUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON.

Mr: William Fraser Storekeepr: read his Storekeepers account for the month of ffebuary last.

Mr: Eustace and Mr: Dobings reports the weight of Lead ℘ Shipp Sampson Vizt: 622 Piggs pz: 1772 cwt.: 0: 3 lb.: and the warehousekeepr reportes 78 Piggs pz: 223 cwt.: 1 qrs.: 19 lb.: Sold Capt: Medcalfe wch: is 9: cwt. 2: qr. 4: lb. short of the Invoyce weight for wch: it is ordered that Accot: Currant London bee Debted.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his Sea Customers accot: for the month of ffebuary last vizt:

To Custome of Goods Imported & exported		P. 3094: 8: 65
To Custome on Graine		793: 2: 0
To Anchorage		64: 18: 0
To Salvage Vizt:		3951: 28: 65
Sold Vincate Rama Lead 3 cwt.: 18 md.: 5 lb. at 9½ P	P. 35: 5: 20	
Sold Mr: Wright One Anchore pz: 9 cwt.: 2 qr.: 7 lb. at 5¾ ℘ cwt:	54: 35: 40	
		92: 4: 70
		4043: 33: 55

Resolved that a sessions bee held some convenient time after Easter for the Tryall of severall Prisoners, and in the mean time ye: Justices of the Choultrey doe take ye: necessary examinations, which with the Papers relateing to the severall Prisoners bee deleivered to the Attorney Generall in due time that hee may prepare their Inditements, in Order to bring them to a Tryall.

The Paymaster is ordered to Muster Shipp Sampsons men some day this weeke.

The wine Licence expireing on ye: 25th: Inst: the last ffarmer Mr: Hiller refuseing to continue the ffarme at the same rate hee gave last year 300 Pags: It is ordered that a Bill bee put up at the Sea Gate to give notice that the same will be exposed for sale by Publick Outcry for one year.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Seaven hundred on accot: Sea Customes.

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Ordered that Seaven hundred Pag^s: be paid to M^r: Thomas Wright Paymast^r: to defray charges Garrison.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

24 Shipp Happy Returne Samu^ll: Dixon Mast^r: Saled for Bengall.

THURSDAY 25TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LEIUT: GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATHEW EMPSON.

M^r: Wright and M^r: Empson reports that this day they exposed the wine Licence at Outcry at 200 Pag^s: and none biding more for it they desisted, Resolved that M^r: Empson Land Customer, doe as formerly usuall grant the Licences for this insueing year to such ℘sons as shall desire, at the best rates hee can agree.

Ordered that 340 Pag^s: bee paid to Capt: Robert Masfen, for the hire of the Brigan̄t Acheen Marchant from the 11th: January to the 19th: March is (mo: days) 2 : 8 at 150 Pag^s: ℘ meñ: w^ch: sum̄e of 340 Pag^s: is to bee charged to acco^t: Owners of Shipp King William, who are to bee Creddited for the usuall ffreight of the Bales and Pepper the Brigantine brought from Fort S^t: David.

The Paymaster reports the Muster of shipp Sampson to bee 96 men.

M^r: Charles Barwell sea Customer payes into the R^t: Honble: Companyes Cash Pag^s: Seaven hundred on acco^t: Sea Customes.

M^r: William Fraser Warehouse Keep^r: pays into the R^t: Honble: Companyes Cash Pag^s: One thousand on acco^t: goods sold.

Ordered that Five hundred and thirty Pag^s: bee paid to M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Ordered that One thousand Pag^s: be paid Capt: Phrip in part of Pag^s: 7864: 12: 3: due by Consultation of the 22nd: ffebuary.

A small shipp in the Road lately come fitted from Pegue and being surveighed by Capt: Heron, Capt: Phrip the Gunner, and two English Carpenters, and reported by them to bee fit for any Voyage in these parts, and there being no other shipp procurable fit for a voyage to Tonqueen, It is ordered that the shipp bee bought for said voyage at nine hundred Pag^s:

The appointment of a master being referred to a further consideration the Paymaster is ordered to find a fitting person for a Mate, who is to take present possession who with the Gunner is to make an exact list of stores necessary for the Voyage, and to furnish the shipp accordingly.

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to furnish the Mint Silver Refiners with Lead at 9 Pag^s: ℘ Candy Viz^t: for the use of the Mint.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRAZER.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

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Received a Generall Letter from the Governr: and Councill of Fort St. 26
David datd: 22nd: Instant with their Generall Bookes E and their Consultations from the 14th: Septembr: to the ultimo of Decembr: 1696.

Shipp Elizabeth Capt: William Legat Commandr: arrived from Canton in 27
China.

Shipp Maddapollam belonging to ye: Armenians Sailed for Pegue. 28

Att a Consultation — Monday 29th.

Present

The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Leiut Genll: of India.

Mr: John Styleman — Mr: William Fraser

Mr: Roger Braddyll

Mr: Charles Barwell — Mr: Thomas Wright

Mr: Mathew Empson.

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymastr: read his Paymastrs: accot: for the month of ffebuary last Vizt:

Charges Garrison	P.	865 :	14 :
Charges Generall		436 :	26 :
Fort St. David		13 :	12 :
Charges Extraordry :		4 :	29 :
Charges Marchandize		9 :	33 :
Charges Cattell		28 :	16 :
Charges Dyet		382 :	9 :
Garrison Stores		6 :	29 :
Josia Ketch		35 :	...
Fortifications		91 :	23 :
West Coast		17 :	6 :
Vizagapatam ffactory :		1 :	...
Egmore &ca new Townes		0 :	18 :
	Pags :	1892 :	35

Mr: Dolben and Mr: Trenchfeild delivered in their accot: of Broad Cloth &ca: sent by shipp Elizabeth, and sold at Canton, the returnes Vizt: 12 ps: of Velvits, 10 Pecull of Charcoale 6 : 8 : 5½ (Ta. m.) of Gold and 3 ps: of fine Serges unsold, It is ordered the Warehousekeepr: order the said Goods and Gold to bee unladen, and the Gold to bee deleivered into the Mint to bee coyned ps: 8 : 5 : 6 (oz. dwt.) Graines; they alsoe acquaint that from Canton they sent our Letter to Mr: Watts &ca: at Tonqueen by a Pattamar, but the Pattamar did not returne in time, but they received a Letter from Mr: Watts and another from Mr: Blackmore datd: in July last now deleivered expressing their expectation of a shipp and the want of money.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: One thousand on accot: Sea Customes.

The Warehousekeepr: is ordered to provide Goods and stores, for the west Coast & Tonqueen according to two Lists now deleivered.

Nat: Higgnison. — Chas: Barwell.
Jo: Styleman. — Tho: WriRht.
Will: Fraser. — M: Empson.
Ro: Braddyll.

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30 Received a Generall Letter from the Chief & Councill of Vizagapatam datd : 4th : Inst : with severall papers according to List.

31 Deleivered a Passe to shipp Francis John Ma [. . .] Mastr : bound for Bengall.

Ship Francis sailed for Bengall.

APRILL MONDAY 1.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LEIUT : GENELL : OF INDIA.

MR : JOHN STYLEMAN	MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR :	MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL	MR : THOMAS WRIGHT

MR : MATHEW EMPSON.

In persuance of an agreement made in Consultation datd : 29th : past Capt : Heron, Gunner Atkinson, and two English Carpenters haveing surveighed shipp Olive Branch, and report her capable of a voyage. It is ordered that the said shipp bee bought for the service of the West Coast (there being no other fitting vessell procurable) and that 450 Pags : bee pd : for the same. And that the Paymastr : doe appoint a fitting person to take possession, and charge thereof for the present, till a Master can bee procured, and that hee cause the necessary stores to bee provided.

The Honble : Leiut Genll : read his accot : of the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash, for the month of March last, the Ballance being Pags : 176 : 30.

The Worspll : John Styleman payes into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 313 : 20 : 2 : for a Bill drawne by Presidt : Hatsell datd : 22nd : past.

Mr : Cheselys paper of Articles and Capt : Erles answere thereunto haveing been perused by each of the Councill, two materiall things are observed, to bee objected by Mr : Cheesely Viz : that the Capt : went out of his way to speak with a shipp hee did not know whether ffriend or foe, and sold Liquors to the Seamen at extravigant rates whereby the Seamen have runn out a great part of their wages, concerning wch : the Captaine is to bee cautioned here, and the Rt : Honble : Company to bee advised, that if they see cause hee may bee further examined which can bee better done and to better purpose there then here, as to the other accusations relateing to himselfe and Passengers they demonstrate Mr : Cheesely to bee a troublesome pragmaticall and ill Governed man, and confirmes our former opinion, that hee is not a person fit to serve the Rt : Honble : Comps : as Chyrurgeon at the West Coast

The Rt : Honble : Company in the 45 & 46 Parr : of their Generall Letter datd : 6th : March 169⅘ haveing referred to us, the settleing the sallary of Yorke Fort, the same is resolved as followeth Vizt :

ATT YORKE FORT.

	£	
The Deputy Governr : in full of all Civil and Milletery pay	200	₱ ann :
The second in full of Ditto	100	
The Third	80	
The Fourth	50	
The Ffifth	40	

ATT [P]RIAMONG.

	£	
The Cheif in full of Civil and Milletery pay ...	100	₱ ann :
The second	50	
The Third	35	

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The ffactors or Writers that are sent to reside at Sillebarr, Ippo, Manduta &c[a]: Paggers to receive their Sallary as accustomary Viz[t]: ffactors 30£ : & writers 20£ :, ₱ añ̃ :.

The reasons of enlargeing the Sallaryes of [P]riamong ffactory are, that thô y[e]: R[t]: Honble: Company doe not in their Generall Letter mention anything thereof, because the state of that ffactory was not then known to them, yet since the Settlement made by M[r]: Barwell it doth appear that the buissinesse there is of great concerne with the severall frontier Paggers, and requires a person well versed in the Customes and Language of y[e]: Mallayes as M[r]: Frith is, and has been long there, and cannot bee content to continue there at his former sallary, so much lesse then the second and third of Bencoolen Councill, and it is for the same reason resolved convenient to bee observed as a standing rule that in case of the decease of M[r]: Frith or any Cheife of [P]riamong, the Second or third of Bencoolen doe succeed Cheif of [P]riamong without expecting orders from hence.

Ordered that John Dias Nova bee entertained as a souldier in Capt: Sinclers Comp[a]: for two years.

Resolved that M[r]: Brough (there being nothing of unfaithfullnesse charged against him in the Stewards buissinesse) bee continued Gentleman of the Armes at 5 Pag[s]: ₱ meñs : and to have a room in the ffort next the Armes.

The Paymaster is ordered to pay a Sarrang Tandell and Seaven Lascars who went upon the Raft for Tringeomalai, the halfe of one months pay due to them, the other halfe to bee abated for their inabillety.

Mouns[r]: Mussone haveing absented himself from his house last night or this morning. Ordered that four of the Comp[s]: peons watch his house for the present.

The Sec[ry]: is ordered to enter M[r]: Cheesely's Articles & Cap[t]: Erles answere in the Coppy Booke of Letters received.

The Chyrurgeons haveing examined the Mediciens sent from England for the west Coast, and finding them not sufficient for their suppley, haveing also examined and reported the vallue of Mediciens offered to sale by D[r]: Blackwall w[ch]: they Judge necessary to bee added to the former. It is ordered that D[r]: Blackwall [bee] paid Seaventy Pag[s]: for the same and that D[r]: Bulkley pack up the same to bee sent to the west Coast.

M[r]: Cheesely haveing in a Punch house upon a Quarrell of words drawne his sword (but were parted, and put up without any mischeif done) and being taxed therewith hee doth both own and Justifie y[e]: drawing of the sword, and alledges that hee had recd: provokeing language w[ch]: he thought himselfe obliged to resent, M[r]: Cheesely was thereupon ordered, not to wear a sword while here and acquainted that by the Law of this place who ever receives or gives a Challenge is to pay 200 Pag[s]:

NAT: HIGGINSON.	CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M: EMPSON.
RO: BRADDYLL.	

Ship Dolphin Zachariah Stilgo Master arrived in this road from Cochinchina.

Ship Boa Vista Menor Francis Holt Master arrived in this road from Manilha.

Ship Siryan Merchant arrived from Trincomolay upon which came Thomas Wigmore and M[r]: Thomas Lovell, and brought backe the greatest part of the Cordage &c[a]: store sent for the use of ship King William, w[th]: a Generall Letter from M[r]: Ellis &c[a]: dated 24th: March last Bill of Lading Invoice & Diary, adviseing that Cap[t]: Thwaites refuseing to signe any Contract in behalfe of the Owners, they have delivered him such part of the stores as he required for bringing his ship hither for w[ch]: he hath deposited the value in Diamonds into the hands of M[r]: Ellis who stays to come upon the ship.

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They allso brought a Generall Letter from Capt: Thwaites dated the 24th: past wherein he advises yt: he designed to saile by the 5th: April for this Port the said letters &ca: being sent to the Councill for their perusall the following Order was signed.

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: do cause the Cordage &ca: stores returned by ship Siryan Mercht: to be unladen.

NATTL: HIGGINSON. CHARLES BARWELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN. THOMAS WRIGHT.
WILLIAM FRASER. MATT: EMPSON.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

3 Sloop Senhora de Rosairo ffrancis Gomes Master arrived in this Road from Malacca.

MONDAY 5TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Thomas Wigmore being returned from Trincomolay is ordered to officiate as Secretary agen.

Mr: Stephen Frewen read his accot: of Passes for the month of March last and paid into the Rt. Honourble: Companys Cash Pags: twenty on that accot:

The Warehousekeeper reports the survey of the Fort St: George Merchants cloth received from Fort St: David by the Brigantine Acheen Merchant Vizt: two bales of each number as entred after this Consultation.

Mr: Charles Barwell, Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Sea Customs.

Ordered that so soon as the Siryan Merchant is unladen she be discharged from the service, and that the hire due to the Owners from the 5th: January at Pags: 130 ℘ mensem be paid them wch: is to be charg'd to the accot: of the Owners of ship King William.

Ordered that the Paymaster do deliver the Steward wine and beer for the use of the Generall Table, allowing each person there one Glasse of wine at Dinner and Countrey beer as usuall,

Ordered that Tinn Tutenague and Sandall wood designed for Vizagapatam be laden on board ship Sampson.

Resolved that ship Sampson in her passage to Bengall call at Vizagapatam and there deliver so much of said goods as the Chiefe &ca: shall require for that markett, and the remainder to be continued for Bengall, Allso that the necessary Factors provisions of all sorts be sent to Vizagapatam.

By the accot: Cash last received from Vizagapatam the balance thereof was then Pags: 9792 and Rupees 19000 and they adviseing us that by reason of the scarsity of Cotton their merchants cannot proceed on yt: Contract as designed, so that the money will lye dead for some time It is resolved that the Chiefe and Councill be Ordered to lade all the Rupees there for Bengall.

There being a want of an Officer in Bengall It is ordered that Ensigne Parker do proceed for Bengall on ship Sampson.

The Lieutenant Generall recommending John Patteson Steward of ship Sampson as a man that may be usefull in India. It is agreed that he be discharged from ship and that Pelham Cholwhick be discharg'd from this Garrison to supply his place in the shipp whereunto the Commander agreeth.

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The dischargeing of some Peons to ease the charge of the Garrison being discoursed of It is thought fitt to continue them sometime longer till the Nabobs motions are known.

Ordered that an Ensignes Commission be given to Gabriel Poirier as youngest Ensigne of yr: Garrison.

NAT: HIGGINSON. CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER. M: EMPSON.
RO: BRADDYLL.

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Account of the Worriarpollam Longcloth & Salampores provided by the new Contract Merchants of Madrasse, sorted and Embaled at Fort St: David & received here by the Brigantine Acheen Merchant, viewed and examined by opening two bales of each mark and number, in persuance to an Order of Consultation.

Longcloth white ordinary of No. 2 W. one Bale opened & found to be one piece with another equal to muster sorted by Richard Farmer.

Ditto one bale opened unequally sorted something inferiour to muster sorted by Edmund Mountague.

Ditto one Bale No. 2 WB much inferiour to muster No. 2 ‡ being as much as it can be put to sorted by Trevor Games.

Do: one Bale indifferent with the muster sorted by John Haynes.

Do: one Bale of No. 2 WB ‡ thinner then Muster unequally sorted by John Haynes.

Do: one Bale unequally sorted much worse then Muster 2 pieces found to be torne in ye: foulds the tickett signed [by] Edmund Mountague.

Do: one Bale courser then muster, and unequally sorted signed by John Haynes.

Do: one Bale of No. 2 WG equal to muster one with another signed by John Haynes.

Do: one Bale of No. 3 W well sorted Embaled order of Counsulta: dated 6th: ffebruary 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

Do: of No. 3 ‡ unequally sorted the tickett insaid Bale signed William Hatsell John Haynes.

Do: one Bale No. 2 ‡ WB ‡ well sorted embaled by Ralph Ingram the said tickett mentions salampores 80 pieces.

Do: of No. 2 ‡ W. indifferent well sorted the ticket signed William Hatsell.

Do: of No. 2 W. ‡ unequally sorted courser then muster signed John Haynes

Long cloth Ordinary brown of No. 6 W is good cloth well sorted the tickett signed John Haynes.

Do: one bale ditto number, but indifferently sorted tickett signed Trevor Games.

Do: of No. 6 WB good cloth and well sorted the tickett sign'd Trevor Games.

Salampores white ordinary of No. 3 WB unequally sorted inferiour to muster, the tickett signed Edmund Montague.

Salampores white ordinary of No. 3 WB unequally sorted somewhat inferior to muster the tickett signed Edmund Mountague.

Do: one Bale of No. 3 WA indifferently well sorted near ye: muster signed Richard Farmer.

Do: one Bale of No. 9 WA but indifferently sorted, something inferior to muster signed Richard ffarmer.

Do: one Bale of No. 9 WA upon the Gunnie but the note insaid bale is No. 3 WA indifferently well sorted to the muster of No. 3 signed Trevor Games.

Do: of No. 3 ‡ WA very ill sorted not better than our No. 2 at the Fort signed John Haynes.

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Dº: one Bale marked upon the Gunnie No. 3 X W but the note in the bale is only No. 3 X. indifferently sorted, the tickett signed William Hatsell.

Salampores brown of No. 3 WA well sorted signed John Haynes.

Dº: one Bale ditto number, thinner something then muster the note dated 8th: October 1696 in these words Vizt: Embaled by order from Madrasse as ℘ Consultation here signed Ralph Ingram.

The Cloth in generall very ill cured.

WILLIAM FRASER.
EDWAD: TREDCROFT.
MATT: MEAD.

Ship Pearle John Parkam Master arrived from Pegu

6 Ship Pegu Merchant arrived in this road from Pegu.

7 Delivered a Passe to ship Anne William Stocke Mastr: belonging to Mr: Holcombe.

THURSDAY 8TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR LIEUTENT: GENERLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATHEW EMPSON

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do lade for Vizagapatm one bale of aurora, some fflint ware, spectacles, &ca: Toys fitt for presents, allso a Cask of Goa Arrac one cheese, one Punchion of beere, a chest of wine and 10 groze of Corks.

Ordered that Jacob an Armenian be discharged the Gunroome having served out his contracted time, allso Domingo Almeda he having absented himselfe and that David Johnson be entertained one of the Gunroome Crew.

Ordered that Pags: 403 be paid to the Owners of ship Siryan Merchant, being for her hire of three months and three days at Pags: 130 ℘ mensem.

Mr: John Foquett Rentall Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 320: 10 fans: on accot: Quitt rents. The Tobacco farmers Pags: 241: 24 fans: on that accot: and the arrac farmers Pags: 266: 24 fanams on that accot:

Ordered that one Candy of Copper be bought and delivered into the mint to be coined into Copper Cash.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray Garrison Charges.

The warehousekeepr: is ordered to unlade the red earth from on board the ship Siryan Merchant which was traversed from the Josia Ketch in Acheen road.

Ordered that Domingo de Coasta be entertained as a souldier for seven years.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into ye: Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: three hundred on accot: Sea Customs and Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper Pags: five hundred on accot: goods sold.

Generall Letters to Bengall and Vizagapatam of this date read.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M: EMPSON.
R: BRADDYLL.	

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Att a Consultation Extraordinary — Friday 9th

Present

The Honble: Nath^ll^: Higginson Esqr: Lieuten^t^: Gen^ll^: of India
M^r^: John Styleman — M^r^: William Fraser
M^r^: Roger Braddyll — M^r^: Charles Barwell
M^r^: Thomas Wright — M^r^:

The Councill mett to peruse the Generall letters received from Bengall by shipp Loyall Captain dated 23^d^: ffebruary and 4th March, which give a further acco^t^: of the progress of the Rajahs Army, and confirmes our former opinion of the necessity of our Europe Ships lyeing there for security and countenance.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to unlade the Salt Petre &c^a^: goods come from Bengall by Ship Loyall Captain.

M^r^: Braddyll reports the weight of 76000 rupees to be 2362^lb^: 19^dwt^: 12^gr^: which is 3^ozs^: 6^dwt^: 4^gr^: in the whole more then the appointed weight of 31^lb^: 18^dwt^: 8^gr^: ₱ thousand and the Assaymaster reports the Assay to be equal to Surat Rup^s^:

Nat: Higginson. — Cha: Barwell.
Jo: Styleman. — Tho: Wright.
Will: Fraser. — M: Empson.
Ro: Braddyll.

Ship Anne John Hampton Master arrived from Bengall by whome received a Generall Letter from the Agent &c^a^: dated 25^d^: ffebruary last. 9

Delivered Captain Cole Commander of Ship Sampson his Dispatch for Vizagapatam and Bengall w^th^: the Pacquetts to the Chiefe and Councill of Vizagapatam and Agent and Councill of Bengall. 10

This morning Ship Sampson sailed for Vizagapatam and Bengall and Ship Anne for Vizagapatam. 12

Att a Consultation — Monday 12th.

Present

The Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieuten^t^: Gene^ll^: of India
M^r^: John Styleman — M^r^: William Fraser
M^r^: Roger Braddyll — M^r^: Charles Barwell
M^r^: Thomas Wright — M^r^: Matthew Empson

Ordered that the following perticulars be sent on ship Rubie to Fort St David w^th^: the other mentioned in Consultation the Eight of March vizt:

Beer	Butt	1
Wine	Dozen	20
Cheeses		2
Wheat	Baggs	12

Ordered that Swan Adrees be Entertained in the Gunroom Crew.

M^r^: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the R^t^: Honble: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: four hundred on acco^t^: Sea Custom.

Ordered that Pag^s^: one thousand be paid to Mr Tho: Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison and Pag^s^: one hundred to Raggina &c^s^: washermen for curing the R^t^: H: Comp^s^: Cloth.

There being about fifteen thousand Pag^s^: now due to severall persons, the greatest part whereof at Interest and demanded and M^r^: Dolben offering to buy eight or nine chest of Dollars at the present currant price of 16¾ weighty for ten Pag^s^: which there is no reason to expect will be higher by reason of great a quantity lately arrived from Manilha by two ships at least one hundred thousand Dollars, and thô the mint will yield one, or one and a halfe ₱ cent more by coining into

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[12TH] rupees, yet the growing Interest and the present demand which must be answered doth prety near balance that difference.

It is resolved that eight or nine Chest Dollars be sold at the forementioned price and ye: warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver them to Mr. Dolben hee paying for the same within three days. And the Accomptant is ordered to make up the Interest due to the severall persons against next consultation day.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: H: Comps: cash Pags: 379 on account Land Customes.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M: EMPSON.
R: BRADDYLL.	

12 Ship St: Cajetan belonging to the Armenians arrived in this road from Manilha & Acheen by whom [received] a Generall Letter from Mr: William Soams at Acheen dated the 12 March last.

THURSDAY 15TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

John Dolben Esqr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 20387 : 23 fanams being for Dollars 34500 weighing ounces 30030 at 16¾ weighty Dollars for ten Pags:

The Accomptant produces an account of moneys borrowed due to the following persons Vizt:

Mr: Alvarez Pags: 2000 wth. Interest	P. 2028 : 17 : 4
Mr: Styleman Pags: 1000 wth: Interest	1011 : 8 : 2
Owners of Brigantine Acheen Merchant Pags: 6864–12–3 wth: the interest from ye: 22d: ffebruary to this day and the interest of Pa: 1000 from ye: 22d: ffebruary to 26 March last	6970 : 32 : 3

And Pags: 2171–5–2 to the Lieutenant Generall being so much received of him the 6th: & 12th: March and 10th: Inst. payable on demand which said sumes are order'd to be paid.

The warehousekeeper produceing a Bill of Lading of severall stores laden on ship Rubie for ffort St: David in persuance of the order of the 12th: Instant. The Governour being concerned in ye: vessell leaves it to the Councill to adjust the frieght.

It is resolved that Eighteen Pags: be allowed for ye: frieght.

Ordered that James Limbum be Entertained to serve in the Gun Room.

Mr: William Fraser read his warehouse and storekeepers accots: for the month of March last and pays into the Rt: H: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Goods sold.

The Governour produceth the forme of a Contract concerted with Serapa &ca: Joint Stocke Merchts: concerning which the following objections are made.

1st: That this contract stops the sales in ye: Godowns and consequently we may want money and be forced to borrow at Interest.

2d: That there ought to be security that we shall not come to a losse by this Contract.

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To the first it is answered.

That the sales of the Godowns have not exceeded fifteen thousand Pags: a year for four yeares past. This contract disposes of as much in six months time, and then we are at liberty to sell as much more if we can, at the same or any other rate, to them or any other buyer, whereas the Godowne chapmen offer to take off one third part so much in four month's time but are then under no obligacōn of takeing off more. The certain vend of 900 pieces at 18pa: 18fa: a-piece is preferable to the vend of 300 pieces at Pags: 19 and the merchants delivering the amot: in Callicoes is equivalent to so much money deliver'd out for an Investment.

To the second.

These merchants have a stocke of five thousand Pags: and by what they have allready done in the two last contracts promise fair. Wee know of no better or abler men in Towne, and that is all the security which was ever given or can be expected for Investments, But if any of the Councill know any reason why these Merchants should not be trusted on the like terms as other merchants used to be, they ought to declare that it may be consider'd before further contracts made 'tis allso noted that by this Contract there is a better provision made then usuall for security by the monthly paying out money and receiving callicoes.

The Owners of ship Pearle requesting us to spare them six small Gunns to enable said ship to proceed on an intended voyage to China.

Ordered that the Gunner do produce an accot: of all the Gunns in the Garrison not exceeding Eight hundred weight.

When Narrain was chiefe Dubash & Ramapa Braminy writer, the former received Pags: 150 a year and the latter Pags: 96 since the displaceing of Narrain in April last Ramapa hath discharged both businesses without any other assistance then Jango employed for nine months past at Pags: three ℔ mensem upon which consideration Ramapa did request that he might receive more wages then Narrain had. It is resolved that from April last Ramapa be paid Pags: 150 ℔ annum wages and five Pags: a moneth for the writeing businesse in Jentue Malabar & Moratta Languages done by himselfe or other persons imployed by him, till a fitting person can be found out for that service, and that Jango Dubash be paid three Pags: a month for the time he hath served from the first July 1696 which payments are to be entred in the Paymasters accots; as usual.

Ordered that the accomptant do draw out the list of salary due to the Rt: H: Companys servants on the 25th: past. And whereas the Accomptant Generall in London doth advise that the salary ought to be rated at nine shillings to the Pago: and not at rupees 3¾ ℔ Pago: It is resolved that in our next Generall letter the matter be stated & referred to the Rt: Honble: Company, but in the mean time the salary to be rated as usuall.

The merchants being sent for and discoursed concerning the proposed Contract they [now] demand twelve ℔ cent allowance upon ye: whole amot: of pa: 52650 and persisting therein the Councill offered them six ℔ cent but they still persisting in ye: demand of 12 ℔ cent they were ordered to consider further.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	CHAS: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M: EMPSON.
R: BRADDYLL.	

Sloop St: Antonio Rosaira belonging to Augustin Hart arrived in this Road from Malacca.

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16 Ship St: Antonio from Maccow came out of St: Thoma road into this.

17 Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of this date Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for what Laden on Ketch Rubie for that Place.

18 Ketch Rubie sailed for ffort St: David.

MONDAY 19TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHAL: HIGGINSON, ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR. ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: William Fraser Storekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys cash Pags: two hundred and ten on accot: stores sold.

The Mucquaw men giveing the Rentall Generall yearly trouble in the colection of the Quitt-Rents, and avoiding payment. It is ordered that the Paymaster do pay unto the Rentall Generall Pags: 8: 18 fa: and at the end of the year charge it to their accot: and that the Secretary do pay unto the Rentall Generall out of the Talliars money Pags 27: 35 fanams. And that ye: washermens quitt rent Pags 8: 15 fanams be paid out of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash and charged to their Accot: being for one years Quitt Rent Ending the primo September 1696.

Severall shipps being now bound on voyages and wanting Cordage, It is ordered that they be supplyed wth: Cordage at the usuall rate, out of that Cordage sent to Trincomolay for the use of the King William and not accepted by Captain Thwaites, said Cordage being allready damaged and may spoil by longer lyeing.

NAT: HIGGINSON. R: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. M: EMPSON.

THURSDAY 22.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT, *Indisposed.*

Verdupa pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 41: 27: being what advised to be due from him to the Rt: H. Compa: at ffort St: David in their Generall Letter dat: [*lacuna*]

Ordered that 150 Bales Longcloth and Salampores received from Fort St: David being by the sorters found faulty in the ticketts, washing and cloth Vizt: so many Bales as they have viewed. It is ordered that the warehouse keepr: cause all the said Bales to be opened, resorted, rewashed and repacked Vizt: so many as they shall find occasion for.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his accot: of Sea Customs for the month of March last perticulars Vizt:

To Custom on Goods Imported and exported this Month	Pag:	3296: 31: 72
To Ditto: on Grain	„	610: 2: 45
To Anchorage...	„	57: 0: 0

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To Tonnage	Pag :	75 : 0 : 0
To Salvage	„	62 : 18 : 28
	Pag :	4101 : 16 : 4 [5] [*sic*]

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one hundred on accot: Land Customs. Contract wth: the merchants for Pags: 52650, in Callicoes deliverable monthly in thirteen months. It is ordered that the said Contract be entred after this Consultation to be signed by the merchants tomorrow and that Tasheriefs be then given to them and the other servants as usuall.

The Accomptant produceing the accot: of salary due to the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants in India from the 29th September 1696 to the 25th March 1697 amounting to Pags: 1107 : 3 : 3. The same is ordered to be paid.

NAT : HIGGINSON.	R : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN.	CHA : BARWELL.
WILL : FRASER.	M : EMPSON.

Articles of agreement & Contract made in ffort St: George this 22d: day of April 1697 between Nathanl: Higginson Esqr: Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill for affairs of the Rt: Honble: English East India Company and the under written Merchants, in behalfe of themselves &ca: Hundred share merchants Vizt: Checca Serapa, Nadaraya Pilla, Sura Vincate Rama, Coperte Cash, Vincate Kisna, Serrewona Mudelare, Conde Mulla Matavia, Kisna, Cornapa Chittee, Iapa Chittee, Ranga Chittee, Purpade Chittee, Ragga Chittee, Namassewayapa, Basswapa.

The said merchants do Contract that they will provide for the Rt: Honble: Company the following goods to the amot: of Pags: 52650 to be sorted by the Rt: Honble: Companys servants according to the usuall musters of ffort St: George in the following sorts and proportions and at the following prices Vizt:

	covd	covd			
Long cloth ordinary	72	Lo $2\frac{1}{4}$ Bro.	No. 1 at Pa :	23 : 27 ₱ Corge	
	...	...	2 +	25 : 0	
	...	...	2	26 : 9	
	...	...	3	27 : 18	17550 :
Long cloth Blwe	...	...	D	30 : 27	
	...	...	D +	29 : 18	
Long cloth Brown	...	...	6	26 : 9	
Salampores	32 :	$2\frac{1}{8}$:	3	11 : 18	8775 :
	...	...	9	12 : 0	
Ginghams	40 :	$2\frac{3}{4}$:	35	65 : 0	6450 :
	...	...	35 +	60 : 0	
Ginghams four thread	16 :	$2\frac{7}{8}$:	34	32 : 0	6450 :
	...	...	34 +	30 : 0	
Moeres superfine	18 :	$2\frac{1}{2}$:	12	39 : 0	6450 :
	...	...	11	35 : 18	
Bettella's ...	40 :	2 :	26	37 : 0	
...	...	...	25	34 : 18	6450 :
...	50 :	2 :	29	37 : 0	
...	...	...	28	34 : 18	
Neccloths ordinary at 35 Neckcloths for a Pagoda			...	...	525 :
				Pags :	52650 :

All which Goods are to be delivered sorted & Embaled in ffort St: George by or before the last day of June which shall be in the year 1698 at the following times Vizt:

In the month of July 1697 to the amot: of	Pags:	3000	July
July	„	3000	August

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August...	Pags:	3000	September
September	,,	3000	October
October	,,	5380	November
November	,,	5380	December
December	,,	5380	January
January	,,	5380	February
February	,,	5380	March
March 1698	,,	5380	April
April	,,	5370	May
May	,,	3000	June
	Pags:	52650	

The said Merchants paying and allowing Dustore & Land Custome for the said Pags: 52650 as accustomary.

The said Lieutenant Generall & Councill do Contract and promise to pay and deliver unto the Merchants the said sume of Pags: 52650 in manner & times following:

Before the 1st day of May next the sume of	Pags:	3000	June
15 Ditto.	,,	3000	
1 July...	,,	3000	August
1 August	,,	3000	September
1 September	,,	3000	October
1 October	,,	3000	November
1 November	,,	3000	December
1 December	,,	3000	January
1 January	,,	3000	February
1 February	,,	3000	March
1 March	,,	3000	April
1 April 1698	,,	3000	May
Payable in money	Pags:	36000	
Broad cloth Ordy: Red & Green 900 ps: at pa: 18½ ₱ ps:		16650	
	Pags:	52650	

The said Broadcloth to be delivered to said merchants as demanded in Bales as they come from England, and if upon opening the bales any pieces prove worm-eaten, the said Merchants are to be allowed an abatement proportionable to the damage and that the said Merchants may be enabled to dispose of the said Broad cloth in due time for provision of calicoes. It is agreed that no Broad cloth be sold out of the Rt: H. Companys godown under the price of Pags: 20½ ready money within six months.

And the said Lieutenant Generall & Councill do agree and promise that the said Merchants shall be allowed twelve ₱ Cent upon the aforementioned prices for all the callico's brought in agreeable to muster if they shall by the last day of June 1698 fully comply wth this contract; and the said Merchants in case of failure are to forfeit twenty five ₱ cent, excepting only the impediments wch shall unavoidably arise from warr and the stops made by the Country Government.

In case of any stops or Embargo's laid by the Country Government, the Lieutenant-Generall & Councill do promise to use their endeavours to clear the same, but the risgo and charge is understood to belong to the Merchants as usuall.

And further, It is agreed and declared by the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill and the said Merchants, that if any of the said Merchants or under Share Merchants employed in and about the businesse of the Investment for the Rt Honble Company, shall breake and falsifie their trust by provideing, buying or procureing any Callicoes directly or indirectly by themselves or servants or others alone or in Partnership under pretence of provideing cloth for the Rt. H. Compa and carrying the said Callicoes away to other places, the parties offending shall forfiet

to the Joint Stocke their Interest therein and become uncapable of ever enjoying the Priviledge of the Rt: Honble: Companys Merchants.

Memdm: The signing of this Contract having been deferred by Serapa's sicknesse, the same is signed & sealed on this 7th day June 1697 & the times of payment of the money to ye Merchants and their delivery of Callicoes are thereby postponed one moneth

Iapun Chittee அய்யப்பன் O	Chena Serapa చిన్న–సర్పయ్య O
Ranga Chittee కోటం రంగయ్య. O	Nadayraja Pilla சிவகடாக்ஷம்நடராயன் O
Perpaudum பொற்பாதம் O	Sura Venkata Rama వెంకటరాముడు వ్రాలు O
Ragga Chittee றக்கன் O	Coperete కొప్పురపు కాశి వ్రాలు O
Cornapa Chittee காரணப்பன் O	Cashee Vincate kisna సాకల వెంకటకృష్ణమ వ్రాలు O
	Serwanna சரவணன் O

Delivered a Printed Passe to ship Siryan Merchant Christopher Dixon Commander bound on a Trading voyage to Bengall and the South Seas. 22

Serapa the Chiefe Merchant being ill, the rest of the Merchants did not meet to signe their Contract as agreed on yesterday. 23

Received a Generall Letter from the Governr: & Councill of Tringombar dated the 17th: Instant.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 21st: Instant wth: severall other papers as ℘ List.

Delivered a Passe to Brigantine Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen master bound on a trading voyage. 24

Charles Ryley comeing into the road in a long boat belonging to ship Welfare Thomas Child Master from Persia who touching at Galle for Provisions & sending Ryley ashore wth: the Boat, the wind springing up fair he sailed and Ryley makeing after with the boat, lost the ship in the darke and so made for this Port.

Hee reports that the ship sailed from Gombroon on ye: 14th January when the Charles the Second was not arrived, but they mett a large ship in the Gulfe of Persia standing for Gombroon, supposed to be the Charles the Second.

That they arrived at Callicut on the first March from whence the Chambers Scepter and Dorril had sailed for Bombay fourteen days before.

That they were informed of five Pirat Ships off Cape Comerin which have taken a Portugueze from Macaw bound for Goa and a Ship from Bengall for Surat belonging to Mr: Beard and Stanley, which they suncke after they had taken out the Goods & Englishmen, and sent the Laskars away upon a raft. That they staid till the 25th March till they heard the Pirats were gone, thô not known whether gone for the Redd Sea or Madagascar. That the Mocho frigat was one of the five.

That off of Telecherry they met with the Josia Ketch bound for Bombay in the latter end of February. That the King William was at Tringombar on the 22d Instant.

Att a Consultation

Present Monday 26.

The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Lieutent Generall of India

Mr: John Styleman	Mr: William Fraser
Mr: Roger Braddyll	Mr: Charles Barwell
Mr: Thomas Wright	Mr Matthew Empson.

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his Paymasters accot: for the month March last perticulars vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags: 961 : 21 :
Charges Generall	506 : 33 :
Charges Cattle	36 : O :
Charges Diett	264 : 13 :
Factors Provisions	531 : 31 :

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Fortifications &ca ...	Pags:	108 : 19 :
Vizagapatam Factory ...		1 : O :
Mary Buoyer ...		11 : 16 :
Gingerlee Brigantine ...		1 : 35 :
Josia Ketch ...		8 : 16 :
Charges Extraordinary ...		12 : 35 :
Egmore &ca : New Towns ...		O : 18 :
Charges Merchandise...		30 : 15 :
West Coast ...		14 : 19 :
Fort St : David ...		9 : 5 :
Garrison Stores ...		4 : 31 :
	Pags.	2504 : 19 :

Mr Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Pags twelve hundred on accot Sea Customs.

Whereas by Consultation of the 18th May 1696, John Dolben Esqr bought Ship Elizabeth for the sume of Pags five thousand under condition of redelivering said Ship after her returne from her then intended voyage to China, if the President and Councill should see cause to demand her, paying such sume as the said ship should be valued at by persons indifferently chosen and the said Ship arriveing on the 27th March from China and there appearing no reason for demanding the redelivery of said Ship now and yet not knowing but that there may be occasion hereafter. It is resolved Mr Dolben now declaring his consent thereunto that Mr Dolben do continue to hold his title and possession of the said ship and may proceed therein on another intended voyage to China under the like condition of redelivering the ship if demanded by the President and Councill of Fort St George after her next returne from China, wth this difference onely that if the Presidt & Councill shall demand ye delivery of said Ship and shall see cause at that season to send her to Surat, it shall be in the election of Mr Dolben to deliver her either here or at Surat.

Ordered that Owen Channell be entertained as mastr of ship Olive branch for the West Coast and yt ye Paymr do furnish her wth men and stores necessary.

Domingo Almeira is ordered to be discharg'd ye Gun roome.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Ship Salumattee Surrattee arrived in ys road from [Quedah]

27 Delivered a Passe to ship Dolphin Francis Holt [master] bound on a trading voyage.

The Mary Buoyer arrived in this Road from Bombay & brought a Generall Letter from his Excellency &ca Councill dated the 5th March 169$\frac{6}{7}$ and two Generall Letters from the Commodore &ca Councill at Anjengo dated 18th March and 13th Instant. Ship Siryan Merchant Christopher Dixon master sailed for Bengall.

28 Ship Wellfare Thoms Child Master arrived from Persia.

THURSDAY 29

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT GENERALL OF INDIA

MR : JOHN STYLEMAN	MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : ROGER BRADDYLL	MR : CHARLES BARWELL
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT	MR : MATTHEW EMPSON .

Mr : Hugh Kennedy presenting a petition (as entred in the Coppy Book of Letters) desireing liberty to goe to the west coast, It is resolved that he have

liberty on condition that he returne hither by the first oppertunity and if Mr Charles Fleetwood unto whom he is bound by Judgement of Court consents thereunto.

Mahomod Backere presenting a Petition (as Entred in the copy book of Letters) setting forth that Timapa late head merchant being sentenced by the Court to pay nine hundred Pags whereof he has paid three hundred and is willing to pay the other six hundred Pags provided all the Gardens and houses &ca belonging to Timapa might be mortgaged to him for security of the said nine hundred Pags and Pags 1300 more wch he alledgeth Timapa had borrowed of him before & had mortgaged his houses &ca for.

But the Mayor &ca acquainting us that the Court having for three months deferēd the sale of Timapas Houses &ca upon Mahomod Backere's pretence of satisfieing the said suñe of 600 Pags and that Backere having not proved ye mortgage which he pretends, the Court has Ordered the sale of the said Houses tomorrow for satisfac̃on of said Debt of six hundred Pags and it allso appearing unreasonable that the Estate of Timapa which is worth much more then the demand of Backere should be made over in such a manner as to secure it from the demand of his other Creditors.

It is ordered that no other answer be given to Mahomod Backeres Petition then that wee referr him to the Court to do him justice.

Mr William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Five hundred on account goods sold.

Resolved that one of the Rt: Honble: Companys Servants be sent to Tonqueen for the withdrawing of that Factory and Mr: Thomas Lovell is chosen for that purpose.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M: EMPSON.
RO: BRADDYLL.	

Brigantine Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen Master sailed for Bengall, by whome sent a Generall Letter to the Agent &ca; dated the 27th: Instant and coppy of our Generall dated the 6th: & 9th Instant ℣ ship Sampson. 29

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David. Incloseing a letter to the Governour and Councill of Tringombar, allso a generall Letter to the Commodore and Council at Anjengo all of yesterdays date. 30.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MAY MONDAY 3D

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL.
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR:

Mr: Alvaro da Fonseca pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Three hundred and sixteen being for one bill drawn upon him by Hugh Kennedy in part of payment of his Debt to the Rt: Honble: Company.

There being about Eighty three Candy of Mallabar Pepper offered to sale at Pags: 23: 18 fans: ℣ Candy. The warehousekeepr: is ordered to receive the same and report the weight thereof.

Shipp Olive Branch designed for the West Coast since bought proveing not fitt for two or three years service there as intended, and the Mary Buoyer being now arrived and esteemed fittest for the voyage to Tonqueen, It is resolved as followeth.

That the Mary buoyer proceed to Tonqueen instead of the Dolphin, and that the Dolphin doe proceed to the west coast to stay there and that the

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Olive Branch allso go to the west coast to carry Passengers and from thence to be dispatched wth all expedition for Bengall Laden wth: Pepper and that George Weoley continue master of the Mary Buoyer. That Owen Channell be master of the Dolphin and Joseph Child master of the Olive Branch and that the goods designed for the West Coast and Tonqueen be laden wth: all expedition. Allso the goods and necessaries belonging to the Passengers, whereof the warehousekeeper to produce a list that the freight may be settled. And that the Dolphin be ordered for Priamong to carry one chest of treasure and two thirds of the cloth.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymastr: for defraying charges Garrison and shipping.

Mr: Joseph Hiller pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: two hundred twenty-five being in full for the wine License from the first January 169$\frac{5}{6}$ to the 25th: March 1697 at Pags: 300 ℔ annum.

Mr: Barwell and Mr: Empson are ordered to cause two swords to be made, one for Sultan Guillimott and one for Raja Addyll, not exceeding fifty Pags: each, and the steward is ordered to deliver so much broken silver as is necessary for that use.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M. EMPSON.
R: BRADDYLL.	

4 Ship Dolphin Francis Holt master sailed for Pegu.

THURSDAY 6.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA

MR: JOHN: STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR:

The Mucquaw men pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: fifty being for the fishing farme for one year ending the ultimo April 1697.

Ordered that the said fishing farme be continued for one year more at the rate of fifty Pags: to the same persons.

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison and shipping.

The wine Lisence having been exposed to sale and none offering to take it at two hundred Pags: & Mr: Empson being thereupon ordered to lett it out upon the Companys accot: reported that he could not gett so much as two hundred Pags: It is ordered that the farme be continued to Mr: Hiller at Pags: 200 for the ensueing year ending the 25th: March 1698.

Ordered that Christopher Fenning a Souldier and Nicola Correre belonging to the Gunroom be discharg'd.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Sea Custome.

Ship King William being arrived, The warehousekeeper is ordered to cause the Cargo to be unladen wth: all expedition, dayly adjusting the accot: of ye: parcell wth: the Purser as they come ashore and that all the fitting godowns be cleared for the lodgeing of the King Williams Cargo. That two Lockes be put upon each door of the severall godowns, whereof one Key to be kept by the warehousekeepr: and the other by the Commandr: or such person as he shall appoint.

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And a true acco^{t}: of the goods to be kept as received by weight and tale wth: the Purser or such other person as Captain Thwaites shall appoint.

And the Damaged Callicoes that are fitt for washing be delivered to the washers & when washed what fitt for dyeing be delivered to the Dyers, and such of it as is rotten and fitt for neither bee kept apart.

The Commander expresseing his willingnesse to fitt his shipp in order to her proceeding for Europe he was desired to produce a list of all y^{e}: necessaries wanting for that purpose, and all assistance in our power promised him.

The warehousekeeper declareing that the businesse of examining the Fort S^{t}: David cloth takeing the Acco^{t}: Remains &c., w^{ch}: requires his personall attendance will not permit him to spend so much time as is necessary upon this occasion.

It is ordered that M^{r}: Ellis and M^{r}: Braddyll do take care of the King Williams Cargo as above directed.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall letter from ffort S^{t}: David dated the 4th: Instant.

The S^{t}: David Brigantine arrived from ffort S^{t}: David and brought a Generall 9
Letter from the Governour and Councill dated the 8th: Instant. Incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for 66 Bales.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 10TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN: STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do unlade sixty six bales of Callicoes come from ffort S^{t}: David by the Brigantine S^{t}: Davids, and pay freight for the same as usuall.

Capt: Thwaites Delivers a list of stores necessary for the refitting of Ship King William which by computation will amount to about five thousand Pag^{s}: besides what furnished him at Trincomolay; all which stores may probably be procured except Canvas, and that want may be supplyed wth: Countrey saile cloth.

Resolved that ship King William be surveyed by the following persons or such of them as can go aboard, being now approved by Capt: Thwaites:—

M^{r}: Charles Metcalfe.	Capt: James Perriman.
Capt: George Herron.	Capt: George Weoly.
Capt: James Howell.	Capt: Joseph Child.
Capt: William Brooks.	Capt: William Legatt.
Capt: William How.	Robert Attkinson.
Capt: Richard Phrip.	William Longost.

who are to examine and report the present condition of the ship and whether the said List of necessaries given in by Captain Thwaites be sufficient to enable her to performe a voyage to England. The survey of the Hull being referred till the ship is unladen.

Captain Thwaites scrupling the delivery of the cargo upon the terms offered to him at Trincomolay. Hee was desired to propound his own terms, hee promises to consider of it and give an answer after the survey is made.

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Mr: William Fraser read his warehouse acco^t: for the month of April last and Mr: Roger Braddyll Mintmaster his mint account for ditto month the balance whereof being Pags: 716 : 21 : 4 : he now pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash.

The Governour read his acccont of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of April last, the Balance being Pags: 9045 : 8 : 3 : and Thomas Wigmore Secretary his acco^t: Passes for ditto month amount to Pags: 21 : and pays into the Rt: H: Comps: Cash Pags : 17 : 12 : their part thereof.

Mr: Ellis produceth an acco^t: of expences at Trincomolay &ca : and pays in the balance of his Cash acco^t: Pags: two hundred, Hee allso produceth severall Original papers from No. 1 to 14 allso two bulces of Diamonds marked I.T. mentioned in the Trincomolay Diary to be received of Captain Thwaites as deposits Vizt: the 18th March one bulce to contain 4 diamonds amounting to Pags: 910 and 22nd: March one bulce to contain two diamonds am[o^t:] to Pags: 670 : being both sealed and are ordered to be kept in the Cash Chest.

Ordered that Pags: 1480 : be paid to the Owners of Ship Loyall Captain for the freight of two thousand Bags of saltpetre from Bengall being candy 148: valued at ten Pags: a candy as by Consultation 7th: January last. The owners paying to ye: warehousekeepr: Pags: six for two bags short delivered, and Pags: 150 : for the following goods: vizt.

Gurras ...	Bales	3	Pag. 9 : 18
Tentees ..	Do.	5	12 : 18
Sugar	Bags	80	50 : 0
Beeswax	Maunds	37	18 : 0
Wheat ...	Bags	50	60 : 0
		175	150 : 0

There being 3,200: bags Salt petre brought by Ship Sta: Cruse from Bengall at the rate of 20 ℘cent freight deliverable in specie and free of Custom by Bill of Lading, the warehousekeepr: is ordered to Deliver the same, at which rate considering the price of salt petre Pa : 13 : 18 : fanams a Candy the Owners of the Sta : Cruse receive a better freight then the owners of the Loyall Captain.

Ordered that Pags: seventy four be paid to the owners of ship Anne for the freight of one hundred baggs of saltpetre from Bengall.

The warehousekeeper reports the weight of ye: Pepper received from the Mary Buoyer to be 87 ca. : 2 md. : 14 lb. : from which deducting freight at fourteen ℘cent there remaineth to be paid for 74 ca. : 18 md. : 15 lb. : which at the rate of Pags: 23 : 18 fa. : a Candy is Pags : 1760 : 30 :4 : wch : is ordered to be paid.

Ordered that Pags: one hundred be advanced to Ragina &ca: washers for curing the Rt: H: Comps: cloth.

Ordered that halfe a years salary be advanced to the Rt: Honble: Companys servants entertained here for the service of the West Coast after they have signed their Bonds vizt: such as shall desire it.

Ordered that Andrew Smith be discharged from the Gunroom and John Brett, William Brown and Roger Sharplesse, all Souldiers that have lost the use of their arms or Leggs and unable to bear arms, doe serve in the Gunroom at the usuall pay.

NAT : HIGGINSON.	RO : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN.	CHA : BARWELL.
WILL : FRASER.	THO : WRIGHT.
FRANCIS : ELLIS.	M : EMPSON.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY, 11TH.

Present

THE HONBLE NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT : GENLL : OF I[NDIA.]

MR : JOHN STYLEMAN	MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : FRANOIS ELLIS	MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL	MR : THOMAS WRIGHT.

Mr: Robert Broughton, Mr: Edward Barkham, James Robbinson, Elias Webb and Robert Coast being sent for signed their bonds for serveing the Rt: Honble: Company at the West Coast.

Generall Letters to Governour & Councill at York ffort to Paragraph 30 and to the Chiefe and Councill of Tonqueen and Instructions to Mr: Thomas Lovell all of this date read. Allso letters to the King & Prince of Tonqueen and to the French Bishop.

Capt: Herron &ca: deliver their report of ye: condition of Ship King William as entred after this Consultation.

NAT : HIGGINSON	RO : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN.	CHA : BARWELL.
WILL : FRASER.	THO : WRIGHT.
FRANCIS : ELLIS.	M : EMPSON.

Wee the Subscribers having by order of the Honble: Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill been aboard ship King William Captain James Thwaits Commander, to survey her as far as wee can being now laden, do find her Hull in very good condition, as allso that she is in no want of masts and yards, and provided she be supplyed wth: rigging &ca: stores according to his list given in are of opinion she may be capable of goeing to England, as for his Provisions wee take no notice.

Aboard shipp King William
in Madrase Road
the 11th: May 1697.

GEORGE HERRON.	JOSEPH CHILD.
JAMES HOWELL.	WILLIAM LEGATT.
WILLIAM BROOKE.	GEORGE WEOLEY.
RICHARD PHRIP.	ROBERT ATKINSON.
WILLIAM LONGGOST.	

Received Generall Letters from the Agent & Councill of Bengall dated the 19th: & 20th: March last and from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 27th. April last &ca: papers as ℘ Lists. 12

THURSDAY 13TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT : GENLL : OF INDIA.

MR : JOHN STYLEMAN	MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : FRANCIS ELLIS	MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL	MR :

MR : MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: John Foquett Rentall Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 211 : 24 : on accot: Quit Rents.

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Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: nine hundred on account Sea Custome.

Ordered that Henrick Desorah be entertained to serve as a Souldier in this Garrison.

Translate of a letter from Hojee Mahomod Allee requireing a Passe for ship Nassaret Shay belonging to the King of Siam, on which Assid Cawn sends Presents, wth: an answer thereunto read & approved.

Capt: Thwaites being ill, Mr: Dolben brought from him a paper of proposalls, which being read and considered are agreed to, except the 1 : 6 : 7 & 8 : Paragraphs in which the following alterations are made, as entred wth: the proposall after this Consultation.

NAT: HIGGINSON. RO: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHAS: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. M: EMPSON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
LIEUT. GENERALL OF INDIA &CA: COUNCILL
OF FFORT ST: GEORGE.

May it please your Honr: &ca:

In obedience to your late Order I here present you such proposalls as I humbly conceive most reasonable and expedient for the reinstateing ye: ship King William (of which I am Commandr:) into a condition to proceed for Europe in the Rt: H. Comps: service.

The Purser or one appointed by ye Comr: takeing & adjusting the accot: of goods as received ashore.

1st: That your Honr: &ca: do forthwith bring on shore the Cargo now remaining upon her, and the same being delivered do give up my Bills of Lading endorsed.

2. That your Honr: &ca: do furnish such stores for the refitting the said ship as are necessary and procurable, I paying for the same according to ye: currt: prizes of this place.

3. That I will be obliged forthwith to make up my complemt of men with Lasscarrs, if Europeans not to be had.

4. That your Honr: &ca: will be pleased to accept of soe many and such sizes of Guns & Anchors as the place will afford towards the compleating my Charterparty number.

5. That upon notice by me given of the shipps being in a condition to proceed for Europe a survey be ordered by your Honr: &ca: and if by the persons appointed it be attested that nothing but sailes and provisions be wanting, your Honr: &ca: will be pleased to accept an assurance that they will in a competent time be provided and allow the shipp capable of performing her voyage to England.

That the Govr: and Councill will tender to ye: Comr: a cargo equal in Tonnage to ye: former Cargo at such times as the Comr: shall by writeing under his hand demand so as that the same may be all Laden wth: in one month after the said survey is passed and if ye: Comr: shall not wth: in the the said month cause his ship to be full laden or shall not be then in a readiness to saile for Europe that no demorage

6. That your Honr: &ca: be obliged [to] relade the ship in a competent time with a Cargo equall to what she had before.

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shall be due from y^{e}: R^{t}: H. C. to y^{e}: Owners from y^{t}: time to y^{et}: day of her Dispatch.

The money furnished by the R^{t}: H. Company here to be inserted in the Invoice & Bill Lading and the advance to be refer'd to the R^{t}: Honble: Company and Owners.

Capt: Thwaites to take all the stores bought at the prizes paid. The acco^{t}: whereof wth: the acco^{t}: of store furnished, charges of sending &c^{a}: to be concerted wth: Capt: Thwaites and to be added to the summe furnished and inserted in the Bill Lading.

7. That you be allso obliged to furnish me wth: such sume of money as my occasions shall require, the repayment of w^{ch}: to be referred to the R^{t}: Hon: Company & Owners of the said ship to adjust and agree upon her arriveall in England.

8. That upon my takeing only part of y^{e}: stores which your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: affirme to have bought upon the Credit of my Letter from Ceilon. I be likewise referred to the H: Comp^{a}: and Owners to determine to whose acco^{t}: the remainder as allso the charges of sending the said stores shall be placed.

9. That it be allso left to the R^{t}: H: Company and the said Owners to adjust and determine the amount of the Demorage which shall become due since the time of the last Dispatch for England as allso all other matters and Differences that may or shall arise concerning the said shipp which is what offers from

You^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: most Hum^{ble}: Servt:
James Thwaites.

Copy of the alterations made to the 1st: 6: 7: & 8: Par: of the foregoeing Proposeall was sent this afternoon to Capt: Thwaites. 13

Brigantine S^{t}: David Jno: Twyman mast^{r}: sailed for ffort S^{t}: David.

Att a Consultation — Saturday 15th.

Present

The Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieutenant Generall of India.
M^{r}: John^{n}: Styleman. M^{r}: William Fraser.
Mr Francis Ellis M^{r}: Roger Braddyll.
M^{r}: Charles Barwell. M^{r}: Thomas Wright.
M^{r}: Matthew Empson.

Capt: Thwaites having this day sent a second paper of proposealls, the Councill was summoned and upon perusall thereof, It was resolved necessary to renew a peremptory demand of the delivery of the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: cargo, by writeing, which writeing was immediately drawn approved and signed and sent to Capt: Thwaites Copy whereof and Capt: Thwaites second proposeall as entred after this consultation.

The Secretary is ordered to cause all Letters Consultations &c^{a}: transactions relating to ship King William from the first letter received from Capt: Thwaites dated 27th: November to be Entred into a Book apart and the like entries to be continued till the shipps departure.

Nath: Higginson.
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Ro: Braddyll.
Cha: Barwell.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.

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May it please yor : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} :

The alterations that your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : has made to the first and seventh Paragraphs of my Proposealls, I do willingly agree to.

But cannot possibly tye myselfe up to lade y^{e} : ship in a month, but for many reasons shall use my utmost expedition in the doeing of it.

Nor can I receive more of the stores which your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : hath pleased to buy then I have occasion for, or take upon me to determine betwixt the R^{t} : H : C : and Owners to whose acco^{t} : the charges of sending them to Cielon must be placed.

I have not in my proposalls insisted on the Owners behalfe anything relateing to Demorage nor can I now presume to ascertaine what shall or shall not be due, upon what accidents hath or may happen on that acco^{t} :

But doe repeat my proposalls fairly representing to the Honble : Company the state of that and all other transactions relating to this affair so that it may be adjusted and agreed in England by them and the Owners.

Which is what offers from

Fort S^{t} : George
15th May 1697.

Your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : most humble
servant to Command
JAMES THWAITES.

TO CAP^{T} : JAMES THWAITES COM^{R} :
OF THE SHIPP KING WILLIAM.

Whereas on Thursday the 6th : Instant the day of your arriveall wee did in Consultation declare to you our Peremptory demand of the R^{t} : H : Comp^{s} : Dammaged Cargo, but on monday the 10th : Instant you did in Councill scruple to deliver the same on y^{e} : term's offered you at Trincomolay by M^{r} : Ellis &c^{a} : Whereupon we desired you to make your own proposalls which you have accordingly done on the 13th : Instant, to w^{ch} : on the same day we returned you our answer, whereunto we have this day received your reply wth : some further proposalls which at present seem unreasonable and not to be complyed with as propounded. Thus one weeke hath been consumed, in the meanwhile the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Cargo remaines aboard your shipp in a Dammaged condition which damage will encrease daily whilest it continues on board, to prevent which and its further risgo upon the sea, wee judge it absolutely necessary that it be brought ashore. Wee do therefore hereby in the name and behalfe of the R^{t} : H : Company again make demand of their Cargo aboard your Shipp, and require that you accordingly deliver the same to ye Order of M^{r} : Francis Ellis and M^{r} : Roger Braddyll whom we have appointed to receive the same, desireing you to appoint your Purser or such other person as you thinke fitt on your behalfe, to keep such an account wth : the said M^{r} : Ellis and M^{r} : Braddyll as is necessary for the Indorsement of the quantities rec^{d} : on the Bill of Lading which indorsements shall be made and your Bill of Lading delivered you.

As to what concernes the charges of refitting and the reladeing of your ship, wee shall readilly comply wth : your terms so far as they shall seem reasonable to us but wee can no longer suffer y^{e} : bringing ashore of the dammaged cargo to be delayed and have ordered Boats to go aboard your shipp now to bring it ashore and so many boats as are necessary daily to attend that service Dated in fort this 15th : Day of May 1697.

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN : STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM : FRASER.
FRANCIS : ELLIS.
ROGER : BRADDYLL.
CHARLES : BARWELL.
THOMAS : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

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Ketch Rubye William Hancocke mastr: arrived from Fort St. David by whome recd: two Generall Letters from the Govr: &ca: dated the 13th: and 14th: Instants Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for 100 baggs Pepper and 81 bales Callicoes. 16.

Att a Consultation

MONDAY 17TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Pags: five hundred be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright being for one bill drawn by the Governour & Councill of Fort St: David dated the 13th: Instant payable at three days sight and Pags: 166: 33 fa: 3 ca: to Edward Fleetwood being for one Bill drawne by dittos payable at sight.

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: cause 81 Bales and 100 baggs Pepper from ffort St: David to be unladen from Ketch Rubie, and that he pay the freight for the same according to bill of Lading.

The bulce received from Fort St: David by Ketch Rubie mentioned in their Generall letter, dated: the 13th: Instant to be received from Trincombar, and comeing to us under the Danes seal is supposed to be the Gold buttons mentioned in the Danes Letter the 17th: April 1697 to have been received by their men at Tannassree from some of the Pirats belonging to the Moco frigot, and it is probable said buttons may belong to the Commander, Officers or Passengers of the Moco frigot, the truth of which connot be so well known here as at Bombay. It is therefore resolved that the said bulce be by the first oppertunity sent under the Danes seal to Bombay and that Pags: 1: 24 fans: the charges of bringing it from Trincombar to Fort St: David, be charged to Bombay.

Ordered that one thousand Pagods: be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Mr: William Fraser Storekeeper read his accot: of stores for the month of April last.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 372 and read his accot: of Land Customs for the month of April last perticulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custome	Pagd:	[328:	25:]	0:	
Triblecane Custome...	„	0:	24:	40:	
Rubie Brokers	„	19:	0:	57:	
Reg[sic]isting of Slaves	„	13:	12:	0:	
Fines	„	4:	18:	0:	
Cloth Brokers	„	8:	1:	25:	
	Pags:	374:	10:	7:	

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customr: read his accot: Sea Customs for the month April last perticulars Vizt:

To Custom on goods Imported & Exported this month	Pags:	983:	11:	5:
To Ditto on grain	„	214:	0:	45:
To Anchorage	„	30:	0:	0:
To Tonnage	„	52:	28:	0:
	Pags:	1,280:	3:	3:

Capt: Thwaites delivers a paper dated this day in answer to ours of the 15th: Instant and acquainting us that the Rt: H: Company hath a quarter part of

[17th] ship king William (whereof we have had no advice) he was desired to ꝑduce to us such proofs as he had thereof which he promised to send for from on board ship & produce.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

May it please your Honr: &ca:

In obedience to your orders dated May the 15th: 1697, I am ready to deliver the Comps: cargo on board we humbly presumeing your Honr: &ca: will beforehand concert the terms and agreements of relading the shipp againe, in order to which I do agree to take all the stores bought for my use and consent ye: charge of sending them to Zeilon be likewise inserted in the Invoice and Bill of Lading, reserving to myselfe the power of makeing such exceptions in any part as shall see cause, giveing reasons and objections for so doeing under my hand to your Honr: &ca: in order to refer the same to the determination of the Honble: Compa: & Owners.

I am convinced it is not possible to lade the ship in a months time, but am content to oblige myselfe to doe it in six weekes after the first time of taking in of goods, if a cargo be in that time brought to her sides in such manner as is requisite for the stowage.

I humbly hope your Honr: &ca: will allow what I now propose, so as the whole agreement may be this day Entred in your Consultation and the Secretary Ordered to give me a copy of it that I may justifie myselfe in complying with your Orders in a matter of so great moment.

Fort St: George
17th: May 1697.

Your Honr: &ca: humble Servt:
JAMES THWAITES.

18 Brigantine Mera sailed for Bengall.

The Serango of a ship in this road belonging to Bengall informing the Governour that Yesterday two Englishmen swam on board their ship & desired ye: Laskars that they might lye hidd in the ship till they sailed for Bengall. A Serjeant wth: two Souldiers being ordered to goe aboard wth: the Serango brought them ashore Vizt: Jacob Brennocke and Peter Leer seamen belonging to Ship King William who are ordered to be kept upon the guard.

WEDNESDAY 19TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF INDIA:
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Capt: Thwaites produces a paper of subscriptions for Ship King William taken the 20th November 1693, wherein among others Sr: John ffleet signeth for one quarter part, which Capt: Thwaites affirmeth doth belong unto the Rt: Hon: Company.

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A draught of Articles of agreement wth: Capt: Thwaites for unlading the Cargo from Ship King William & relading said ship when refitted, read, discoursed & agreed, & order'd to be Engrossed, in order to be mutually signed and delivered.

Nat : Higginson.
Jo : Styleman.
Will : Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Ro : Braddyll.
Cha : Barwell.
Tho : Wright.
M : Empson.

Delivered a Printed Passe to Shipp Pearl John Parham master bound for China.

Delivered a Pass to Ship Senhora de mount belonging to Augustin Hart bound 20
on a trading voyage.

Att a Consultation — Friday 21

Present

The Hon^{BLE} : Nath^{L} : Higginson Esq. Lieuten^{T} Generall of India

M^{R} : John Styleman — M^{R} : William Francis
M^{R} : Francis Ellis — M^{R} : Roger Braddyll
M^{R} : Charles Barwell — M^{R} : Thomas Wright

M^{R} : Matthew Empson

The warehousekeeper reporting that 30 bales of white Worriarpollam Long Cloth (mentioned in Consultation the 22^{d} April) sorted at Fort S^{t} : David, there is 311 pieces not fitt to be sent to Europe by reason of many holes in each piece. It is supposed that the Merchants Factors at Fort S^{t} : David who delivered the cloth to be sorted and Embaled, and the washers and Beaters must be privy to the condition of the cloth, and that those of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys servants who sorted the cloth there, did at least neglect a due inspection, whereof an account is to be required from our Merch^{ts} : and the Sorters and Embalers at ffort S^{t}: David, that it may appear where the fault lies and y^{e} : damage repaired to the R^{t}: Hon: Company. At present it [is]ordered that the said cloth be returned to the Merch^{ts}: and that they deliver in lieu thereof the like quantity of the same number out of the first Worriarpoll^{m}: Longcloth they shall bring in. And allso that the warehousekeeper do deliver them all the turned out cloth now in the Godowne.

The agreement mentioned in the Consultation of the 19th Instant, being Engrossed were mutually signed sealed and Delivered and the Bond given by Capt. Thwaites at Trincomolay dated the 17th March last, for his comeing to Fort S^{t} : George delivered him cancell'd.

The remaining part of the Instructions to M^{r} : Thomas Lovell for Tonqueen and the Generall Letter dated the 11th Instant allso a Commission appointing M^{r} : Thomas Lovell chiefe in case of M^{r} : Watts mortality dated this day read and sailing Orders to Capt. George Wesley Master of the Mary Buoyer read and approv'd.

Nat : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Will : Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Ro : Braddyll.
Cha : Barwell.
Tho : Wright.
M : Empson.

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Articles of Agreement Indented Covenanted & Mutually agreed in Fort St: George in East India this 21st May 1697, between Capt: James Thwaites Master of Ship King William in behalfe of himselfe & Owners of said Ship of the one part and Nathaniel Higginson Esqr. Lieutenant Generall & Councill in Fort St: George in behalfe of the Governour & Company of Merchts: of London trading into the East Indies on the other part Wittnesseth that:—

Whereas by one Charterparty Indented of a ffreightment mad[e] on the Eight of November 1694 between Sr: Josia Child of Wanstead in the County of Essex Barronet & Samuel Ongley of London Merchant part Owners of the Ship called the King William burthen 720 Ton or thereabouts and the said Master of the said ship of the one part and the said Govr: & Company of the other part. The said part owners & Mast[er] for themselves & the rest of the Owners did grant & lett to freight all the Said ship for a voyage with her to be made in trade and warfare to such place or places for such time and under such agreements, Articles and Covenants as in the said Charterparty are expressed contained and referrence thereunto being to be had may and doth fully appear.

And Whereas in persuance of the said Charterparty the said Ship did proceed from London to the Port of ffort St: George Madrasse in the East Indies where she arrived on the 4th: ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$ and a sufficient Lading being not then and there ready for her, proceeded by order of ye: Lieutenant Generall of India and Governr: & Councill of Fort St. George for affairs of the said Governr: & Compa: unto Fort St. David Tevenapatam to take in part of her Lading, and from thence to Vizagapatam to take in other part of her Ladeing and from thence returning to ffort St. George did there take in the remaining part of her fu[rther] Lading of Goods amounting in the whole to Pags: 100618 : [28 fa: 5ca:] for which the said master signed Bills Lading dated the 21st: Day of October 1696 for the delivery of the said goods unto the said Governour and Company at London and received from the said Lieutenant Generall & Councill their sailing orders dated the 21st: day of October 1696 whereby the said master was ordered to sett saile and make ye: best of his way for the most speedy attaining of the said Port of London in persuance of which the said Mastr: did in the night of the 23d: day or the morning of the 24th: day of October last sett saile and depart from the said Road of Madrasse.

And Whereas the said Lieutenant Generall & Councill did on the 27th: day of December 1696 receive a Letter from the said Master dated from Trincomolay the 18th: day of November last acquainting, That within few days after his said departure the said ship was by a violent storme bereaved of her Masts, Yards, Rigging Blocks and sailes at Yards, and tooke in Eight or Ten foot water in the Hold, wch: caused him for ye: lightning the ship to heave over some Cables and Anchors and 12 Guns, but by God's mercy the storme at length abateing the ship gott into the road of Trincomolay belonging to the Dutch in the Island of Zeilone, the goods in great measure dammaged (tho the dammage then unknown) and the ship rendred utterly uncapable of performing or proceeding on the said Voyage for London without the assistance of the said Lieutenant Generll: and Councill whom he requested to furnish him and send a vessell wth: stores and money necessary for that purpose as by the said letter may more fully app[r].

In persuance and on the credit of which Letter the said Lieutenant Generall & Councill apprehending the ship and Cargo liable to further hazard damage and losse by long lying at Trincomolay especialy the damaged part of the Cargo, and that the said ship would not be refitted in Trincomolay for a voyage to Europe, and therefore it was necessary that both the Ship and Cargo should be brought to Fort St. George, did hire two vessells and thereon sent severall stores and money for the service of the said Ship the costs and charges whereof doeth amount unto the sum̃e of Pags: 4779 : 25:4 by an account as stated by the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill and allso wth: the said vessells sent Mr: Francis Ellis 4th: of the Sd: Councill, Mr: Thomas Wigmore Secry: and Mr: Thomas Lovell Factor empowring them to act as Chief and Councill in the aforementioned affaires and

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to deliv^r: unto the said Master the said stores and money for the use of the said ship upon terms to be concerted by the said Chief and Councill and the said Master at Trincomolay, but they differing about the termes agreed only so far, that the said Chief & Councill delivered to the said Master only part of the said stores & money amounting to Pag^s: 1487; 24 fanams for which they demanded and received a deposite of Diamonds & the said Masters Obligation for proceeding w^th: his ship and Cargo to Fort S^t. George in Order to the [free . . .] about the delivery of the Cargo and brought [away] the remainder of the stores & money w^th: the said hired vessells to Fort S^t. George.

And whereas the said Ship King William on the sixth day of May 1697, returned to this Port when the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill demanded of the said Master to deliver the said Cargo, and the s^d: Master insisting on severall term's to which as propounded by him the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill did not thinke fitt to agree, refused to deliver the said Cargo till the term's should be concerted.

And whereas by a survey made on the 11th day of May 1697 by the appointment of the said Lieut. Generall and Councill and the said master by George Herron James Howell, William Brooks, Richard Phrip, Joseph Child, William Legatt, George Weoley, Robert Attkinson, William Longgost, the condition of the said ship is reported to be such that though at present uncapable, yet may be rendred capable of proceeding on her voyage for England if furnished with the stores demanded by the said Master which by computation amount to about ffive thousand Pago[das] of which there is a reasonable proba-[bility] that they can be procured within competent time.

And whereas by the said Charterparty it is among other Covenants particularly agreed and provided y^t: the said Owners shall dureing the voyage att all times keep the said ship fitted stored and manned in manner equiveilent to such a ship and such a voyage for the preservation and defence of the Cargo, towards the furnishing whereof in India the Govern^r: & Comp^a: do agree to supply the said master if need require w^th: any sum̃e not exceeding two thousand Ryalls which whole sume hath been already paid to the said Master by the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill, before the last departure of the said ship from ffort S^t: George so that the said Govr: & Company are not by any Article of Charterparty obliged to furnish any further sum̃e for the said ships use. And whereas the said master doth declare that he neither hath any stocke of the Owners left nor hath any other means of procureing a further supply then by selling part of the Cargo of the said Govr: and Company or Diamonds Laden on Freight.

And Whereas by an acco^t: dated in Trincomolay the 4th: day of March 169$\frac{6}{7}$ and signed by the said Captain James Thwaites, it is computed that of 1223 bales Calicoes laden on the said ship at ffort S^t: George, there are about 680 bales more or lesse dammaged by salt water by reason whereof the said Company may sustaine great losse thereby if not rewashed and recured as they ought to be w^ch: cannot be done without bringing them ashore; and about halfe the Pepper damaged and one third of the saltpetre washed away, so that there did not remaine a sufficient cargo for such a ship and consequently there would be about sixty Tons of dead freight if the ship should proceed w^th: y^e: Cargo as it is, all which damage and losse though the same cannot be computed if brought into an averige between the said Governour and Company and the said Owners will amount to a very considerable sume for the Owners proportion.

And whereas the said master doth produce unto the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill one Paper of subscriptions for severall parts of said ship dated 20th: November 1693 wherein among others S^t: John Fleet signeth for one quarter part of the said ship, which quarter part the said master doth affirme and warrant to be then belonging unto the said Governour and Company, and that he the said Master did actually receive the sume of four thousand pound of the Treasurer of the said Govr: & Company by order of y^e: Com̃ittee for y^e: s^d: quarter part.

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And whereas the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill and the said master haveing advised and duely considered the premisses and the Interest of the said Governour and Company and of the Owners seperately and jointly, thô they don't find any perticular directions in the said Charterparty nor know of any example for proceeding in so extraordinary a case, yet hold themselves obliged [to] act according to the best of their judgements & utmost of their powers for the preservation of the said Cargo and Ship in such manner as may in the most equitable way promote the Interest of the said Governour and Company and of the said Owners.

Now this Agreement Wittnesseth and the s[d]: master agreeth that he will deliver unto the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill or their Order the whole Cargo belonging to the said Governour and Company now on board the said ship an account whereof to be kept by persons mutually appointed and to be Indorsed on the Bills of Lading, which said bills of Lading are to remaine one in the hand of the said Master and the other in the hands of the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill, and that the said Master will so soone as he can cause the s[d]: ship to be repaired and refitted according to said Charterparty in manner equivalent to such a ship in a returning voyage to London, by survey to be made by the appointment of the said Lieuten[t]: and Councill, and that in order to the enableing the said Master so to repair and refitt the said ship the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill will furnish the said Master w[th]: such stores & necessaries as they can procure, and with such sum̃e and sum̃es of money as the said Master for that purpose shall demand, he delivering valuable deposites or his own obligation for the same till the said ship be reladen and the amount of the said stores & money not exceeding six thousand five hundred Pag[s]: in the whole and that when the ship shall be refitted and repaired in such manner as aforesaid be fully Laden and Dispatched for England as she ought to be being in the service of the said Govern[r]: and Company by Charterparty, In the ladeing whereof the said master shall use his utmost diligence and Expedition and shall be responsible for all unnecessary delays.

And Lastly the true intent and meaning of this [agreem[t]:] is that the amount of all such sumes of money paid to the said master in India for the use of the said ship shall be added to the amount of the Invoice of the Cargo of the said Gov[r]: & Company to be laden on the said ship, and be also inserted in the Bill of Ladeing for the said Cargo, The advance on the sumes be hereby agreed to be referred to the adjustment & determination of the said Gov[r]: & Company and the said owners.

And Whereas besides the said sume of six thousand ffive hundred Pag[s]: the said Lieutenant Generall & Councill have expended severall sumes of money in the charges of sending vessells and stores to Trincomolay which the said Master doth not allow for such reasons only as shall be by him produced to the said Lieuten[t]: Generall and Councill within ten days after y[e]: date hereof. And have allso expended severall other charges relateing to the said Dammaged Cargo. It is mutually agreed by the said Lieutenant-Generall & Councill and the said master that the said charges & any other sum̃e expended by the said Lieuten[t]: Gen[ll]: and Councill or the said master concerning the said ship or Cargo as allso the said ships ffrieght & Demorage and all other controversies w[ch]: may arrise from or concerning the dammage w[ch]: the ship or Cargo suffered by the said storme or other accidents, is referred to the agreement & determination of the said Govern[r]: & Company and the said Owners notwithstanding any mistakes or Errors in Covenants or otherwise committed against the rules and practise in like cases between the said Governour and Company and the Owners of their Charterparty ships by any of the parties to these Presents in prejudice of the rights either of the said Governour and Company or the said Owners. In Wittnesse whereof to one part of this Agreement remaining w[th]: the said Lieutenant Generall and Councill the said Master hath put his hand & seal, and to the

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other part thereof w^th: the said Master remaining the said Lieuten^t: Generall and Councill have put their hands and the R^t: Honble: Companys seal in Fort S^t: George the day and year first written.

JAMES THWAITES.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of Tho: Wigmore Charles Alleyn Isaac Dorisla.

Received a Generall Letter from the President and Councill of Surat dated 10th: April 1697 (by Armenian Cossit) advis[eing] the arrivall of ships, Sceptre, Chambers and Dorrell.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 19th: Instant 23
incloseing a Copy of D^r: Blackwalls Petition Gregora de Cruz Topaz Lascarr belonging to shipp Satisfaction of Bengall when taken by the Mocha ffrigot near Cape Comerine, saith that the Pirats tooke out of the ship 300 Baggs, sugar, some cloth and all y^e: Provisions, small arm's, sailes and Rigging and all the men and then suncke the ship keeping the mast^r: and Pilot dismissed all the rest.

That the master Willock would not join with them and is kept a prisoner, but the Pilot a Dutchman is joined w^th: them.

That about twenty days after they tooke a ship from Macoa and tooke out all their Provisions Gold and wrought silkes and gave the ship with the rest of her Cargo to the Commander. In the ship they tooke about 250 barrs Gold. That there is another smaller ship in Company which came lately out of Europe and in each ship there is about 100 men mixed of all Europe Nations more Dutchmen then any other nation.

That he came from Quelone in a Parra, and saw these two ships then Plying near Cape Comerine about 10th: April. That when he was aboard they discoursed that they intended to stay there till they had taken the George and all other ships bound from Surat to this side, and then were to saile for Madagascar.

Dispatched Generall Letter to the President & Councill of Surat. Incloseing 24
a Generall Letter to the Generall and Councill at Bombay both of this date.

This Evening ships Elizabeth and Pearle sailed for China and the Mary 25
Buoyer for Tonqueen and ship Jerusalem for Bengall.

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Sloop Salamat, Mahomod Noqueda sailed for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 27

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTENANT: GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

A small Boat of about Ten Ton having been bought by the Governour for Pag^s: 34 & 10 fanams and fitted by the Paymaster with stores amounting to Pag^s: 81: 18 fa. and four months Imprest money amounting to 84 p^a: as by the accounts now produced, the same is approved as usefull for the west Coast, and ordered to proceed w^th: the Dolphin and Olive branch.

Ordered that Pag^s: one thousand be paid to M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison and shipping. Ordered that Domingo Perera be discharged y^e: Gun room.

M^r: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the R^t: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s: Eleven hundred on acco^t: Sea Customes and M^r: William Fraser warehousekeeper Pag^s: one thou[sand] on account Goods sold.

M^r: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 17: 11: 4 on acco^t: Town Conicop^s: Duty from the primo November to the ult^o: April last and to the Secretary Pag^s: 78: 33 on acc^t: of the [Talliars] Duty.

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The remaining part of the Generall Letter to York Fort dated the 11th May and a Generall Letter to [Trincomolay] dated the 25th allso Letters from the Lieutenant [Generall] to Sultan Guilimot Raja Addill and Raja Macoo[ta] and Raja Mooda read and approved, also a Generall Letter to York Fort dated this day, allso Dispatches to Joseph Child and Owen Channell read.

The things formerly ordered to be provided for Presents for the west Coast not being procurable the following are Ordered Vizt.

Morees	Corge	1.	Pags: 25.
Low prized proper silkes	,,	1.	
China Gold flowerd do.	Ps:	5.	
Tonqueen Cuttans	,,	4.	
Ditto. Knife	,,	1.	

The following to be presented to Raja Cocheel before his departure Vizt.,

Tonqueen Cuttan		1.	
Ditto. Knife		1	
Silke	ps:	1	value Pags: ten.
Aurora	yards	3	
Serash	ps:	1	
Gobar		1	

To the Mallay accompanying him—

Broad Cloth Ordinary	yards	3	

To his two servants—

Perpetuanoes	,,	3	each

It is ordered that five Corge Taffities Red & changeable be bought for Priamong at Pags: 36 ℘ Corge.

Mr: Masson having long absented himselfe & left his house lockt: which the owner Mrs: Croke desires may be delivered to her. It is ordered that Mr: Empson and Mr: Chardin do cause the doors to be opened and the things delivered to Mr: Chardin he giveing a receipt for the same and the house delivered to the Owner.

CHA: BARWELL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT.	JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON.	FRANCIS: ELLIS.
	RO: BRADDYLL.

27 [Received a Gen]erall Letter from Fort St: David [dated the 24th Instant] ℘ the Goa ship.

28 Briggantine St: David arrived from Fort St: David and brought us their Generall dated the 27 Instant Incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for 51 bales & 98 bags Pepper Laden on her.

The following Order was signed by the Govr: & Councill. The warehouse-keeper is ordered to cause fifty one Bales of Callicoes and ninety-eight baggs Pepper to be unladen from ffort St: Davids Brigantine and Pay the frieght three quarters ℘ bale and [ ] Pagoda ℘ Candy Pepper.

ROGER BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHARLES BARWELL.	JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.	WILLIAM FRASER.
MATTHEW EMPSON.	FRANCIS ELLIS.

Delivered a Passe to ship Wellfare, Andrew Good master, bound for Bengall.

29 Ship Nos Senhor de Juiza Manuel feca Pilot came out of St: Thoma road into this.

30 Last night ships Dolphin and Olive branch and the Long boat sailed for York Fort.

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ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 31ST

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 1129: 33: 5 be paid to Suncha Rama being for four th[ousand] Rupees bought of him [the] 19th March last at [the rate of 354] for one hundred Pag^{s}:

Ordered that the following stores be bought and sent to Fort S^{t}: David by the first oppertunity according to their Letter of the 8th May Viz^{t}:

Plank	40	from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches thicke.
Mortivan Jarrs	15	
Timbers	25	

Ordered that twenty windows and window frames with six Hogsheads of Goa Arrac started into Europe Caske be sent to York Fort on Capt: Phrips ship and that the warehousekeeper do agree with him for the freight.

John Ashman being returned wth: the Bencoolen Yatch, by reason of a Leake, It's ordered that every thing be unladen and she brought ashore and mended.

Ship Anne John Hampton master being bound to Bengall It is ordered that forty or fifty thousand Rupees (or so many as are ready) be sent to the Agent and Councill at the rate of $\frac{5}{8}$ ℘ Cent frieght.

Ordered that the Paymaster do buy 40 hogs^{hds}: of Goa arrac at the rate of Pag^{s}: 10 : 22 fan^{s} ℘ hogshead.

Ordered that Ramapa do summon all the Armenian Merchants in Town to meet the Councill in the ffort at ten a clocke to morrow morning to discourse them about their assisting the Interlop^{r}:

The Agent and Councill of Bengall haveing advised that the French both at Hughly and Balasore do assist the Interlopers in the disposall of their Europe goods and in the buying of a Cargo for them. And Whereas severall of the R^{t}: H. Comp^{s}: servants in Bengall and Europe Inhabitants here have held such a correspondence wth: the ffrench in Bengall as may prove very prejudicial to the Interest of the R^{t}: H. Company and beneficial to y^{e}: Interlopers. It is resolved necessary that all the R^{t}: Honble: Companys servants and Europe freemen be prohibited from holding any correspondence or Trade directly or indirectly wth: the ffrench in Bengall and that an order be affixed on the sea gate forthwith, Viz^{t}:

"Whereas the correspondence held by several of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: "servants in Bengall & Europe Inhabitants in this Place with the French in "Bengall hath proved very prejudicial to y^{e}: affairs of the R^{t}: Honble: Company "in Bengall and may be much more detrimental if any Interloper should arrive "there to whome they have been assistant. It is ordered that none of the R^{t}: "Honble: Companys servants or Europe freemen in Bengall or the Coast of "Choromandell doe hold any correspondence or Commerce wth: any persons be-"longing to the ffrench Factories in Bengall by Letters or otherwise directly or "indirectly."

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 135, be paid to Balthazar Demenezes, being for one Bill drawn by the Govr: and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 24th Instant.

RO: BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
CH: BARWELL.	JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.	FRANCIS: ELLIS.

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Captain James Thwaites having made an objection in the agreement dated the 21st Instant against the Charges of the vessells hired for carrying stores &ca : to Trincomolay for such reasons only as should be produced by him to the Lieutenant Generall & Councill within ten days after the date thereof. He hath not to this day made any such objections.

TUESDAY [JUNE] 1mo

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Arrac farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 266 : 24 fanams for two months on that account and the Tobacco Farmers Pags: 241 : 24, for one month ending the 16th past.

Ordered that Pags: 508 : 12 fanams be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

The Chief Armenians in persuance of yesterday's Consultation now appearing they were discoursed and acquainted wth: the severall contracts made wth: them in severall parts of India; and ye: Privilidge granted by the Rt: Honble: Company to the Armenian Nation in generall and the many orders received in their favour, so that the Interest of ye: Armens: is so much concerned in that of the Rt: H. Company that they ought to promote as their own. That we are informed that some of them have lately given assistance to the Interlopers in Bengall in furnishing them wth: Goods. That we now declare to them in the name of the Rt: H. Company that none of them ought to have any correspondence or trade [wth: a]ny Interlopers which they all promised to avoid for the future, and to draw up and signe a writeing of advice to all persons of their Nation who should come from other parts to Bengall.

Two of the King Williams men being run away and supposed to be aboard some of the ships bound for Bengall. The Armenians were put in mind of the generall order forbidding all ships to carry any person from this place without leave.

Generall letter to Fort St: David dated the 29th past read and approved.

Ordered that Pags: two thousand be sent to ffort St: David by the Brigantine St: Davids.

Mr: Roger Braddyll mint master read his account Coinage of silver received by ship Sampson being 68 Ingotts and two baggs Dollars ℔ 7256 oz : 3 dw :16 gr the nett produce whereof is Rupees 2,13,470-9 annoes.

RO: BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL. JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT. WILL: FRASER.
MR: EMPSON. FRANCIS: ELLIS.

1mo: The Sidney and Madrasse Merchants Capt: Gyfford & Capt: Prickman Commanders arrived in this road from England.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

[TUESDAY 1 AFTERNOON.]

Present

THE HON^BLE : NATH^L : HIGGINSON ESQ^R : LIEUT : GENERALL OF INDIA
M^R : JOHN STYLEMAN   M^R : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R : FRANCIS ELLIS   M^R : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R : CHARLES BARWELL   M^R : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^r : MATTHEW EMPSON

The Pacquetts from the R^t : Honble : Company by ship Sidney and Madrasse being opened were found to contain as ℘ Lists Entred after this Consultation. Allso another Generall letter dated the 27th August 96 relating to Every the Pirat.

The abstracts of the Invoice of Ships Sidney and Madrasse being perused, it appeareth that there is sent by both Ships 160 bales of Broad cloth Lead. cwt. 3,852 : 0 : 18 lb. and 48 chest Silver. Severall of the letters from Bengall have advised that they have more Broad cloth then they could vend before the Rajahs rebellion in Bengall which hath putt a stopp to all trade, and their last letter adviseth that M^r : Sheldon and Teshmaker were Imprisond and all in their Possession seized, twenty thousand Rupees belonging to the R^t : Hoñ : Company and a much greater sume belonging to Armenians and others, so that no silver can be sent to Raja Maul to be coined and tho there hath been reports of the Nabobs intentions of setting up a mint at Hughly yet that is uncertaine and it is agreeable to the R^t : Honble : Companys Orders that all the silver sent out be coined in the mint of Madrasse.

It is for the foregoeing reasons unanimously resolved that the whole Cargo's of both ships be unladen except halfe the Lead, which is to be continued on board that ship which shall proceed for Bengall and the silver be forthwith coined into Rupees.

The Disposall of Ship Sidney and Madrasse ffrigot is referred to further consideration.

Captain Gyfford informing that the Shipp Scarborough an Interloper is come out and bound for Bengall, and will probably be there before any ship can goe from hence, and considering the small stocke they have at present in Beng^ll : and the great occasions they have for buying goods with ready money (and the rather for prevention of the Interlopers) It is resolved that the Rupees be sent by Ship Anne as ordered yesterday.

The Pacquetts by each ship being opened for their Bills of Lading and Invoices, and the Generall Letters perused, which are the same in both Pacquets. It is ordered that one of them with abstracts of the Invoices be sent by Ship Anne, and all other papers of which there are double coppies.

RO : BRADDYLL.   NATH : HIGGINSON.
CHA : BARWELL.   JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.   WILL : FRAZER.
M : EMPSON.   FFRANCIS ELLIS.

LIST OF THE COMP^s : PACQUET TO THE FFORT BY THE SIDNEY.

1. Companys Generall to the ffort, dated 1st : July 1696.
2. Coppy of the Comp^s : Generall to the ffort, dated 20th : May 1696 sent by the Sedgewicke advice Vessell.
3. Coppy of the Comp^s : Generall to fort, dated the 20th : ffeb^ry : 169$\frac{5}{6}$ sent by the Sampson.
4. Abstract of the Madrasse frigot and Sidneys Invoices.
5. Petition of Anne Jackson alias Cole.
6. Schedule of Tares affixed to the Comp^s : Charterparties.
7. List of the Court of Committees for the year 1696.
8. Abstract of the East India Merch^ts : Invoice for Bombay.

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9. Secrett Committees Letter to the Lieutent: Generall or President and 2d: of Councill dated the 4th: July 1696.

List of the Comps: Pacquett to ye: Fort by the Madrasse frigot.

1. Companys Generall to the ffort dated 1st: July 1696.
2. Copy of the Comps: Generall to ditto dated 20 May 1696 sent by the Sedgwick.
3. Coppy of the Companys Generall to Do: dated 20 ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$ sent by the Sampson.
4. Schedule of Tares affixed to the Companys Charterpartie.
5. List of the Court of Committees for the year 1696.
6. Secrett Committees Lre: to the Lieutenant Generall & 2d: of Councill at the ffort dated 4th July 1696.
7. Abstract of the East India Merchts: Invoice for Bombay.
8. List of ffactors and writers for the ffort vizt: 2 factrs: 1 writer.

2 Dispatched a Generall Letter to ffort St: David dated the 29th: past. Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for what laden on board the St: Davids Brigantine.

Brigantine St: Davids sailed for Fort St: David.

Thursday 3

Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieutent:-Generall of India

Mr: John Styleman — Mr: William Fraser

Mr: Francis Ellis — Mr: Roger Braddyll

Mr: Charles Barwell — Mr: Thomas Wright

Mr: Matthew Empson

Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall of yesterdays date read approved and signed.

The warehousekeeper declareing he wants Godownes to containe the Europe bales now arrd: upon ships Sidny and Madrasse. It is ordered that he looke out & hire such godowns as are proper for yt: purpose.

Ordered that Manuel de Mount and Antony de Mount Portuguez be Entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

Discoursed concerning the disposall of the ships and the Provision of goods for their Cargos but nothing resolved.

Ro. Braddyll. — Nath: Higginson.

Char. Barwell. — John Styleman.

Tho: Wright. — Will. Fraser.

M: Empson. — ffrancis Ellis.

3 Ship Anne John Hampton master, Ship Wellfare Andrew Goodman master and Ship Mahomod Alle Beague Nocqueda sailed for Bengall, by the first sent a Pacquet to the Agent & Councill.

4 The Armenians having promised in Consultation on the primo Instant to signe a writeing for not trading wth: Interlopers, which being deferred for two days, the Lieutenant Generall sent the Dubash to remind them of their promise, and after several consultations and Debates among themselves this morning they brought one Paper in Armeñ signed and afterwards another in English signed, The copy whereof follows Vizt.

Wee the subscribers Armenians here present this day in ffort St. George by these presents, do give our word & promise unto the Honble: Nath: Higginson Esq Lieut. Generall of India and Governour of Fort St George &ca: Councill, that we are obliged from this day forward in whatsover Port wee shall meet wth: any Interloper wee nor none of us hereunder subscribed will by any manner of

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way or by any meanes have any Dealing Trade traffique or Contract wth: any such Interloper nor any of their people. And in respect to the Rt: Honble: English East India Company in whatsoever Port wee or any of us shall encounter wth: any Interloper, wee hereby oblige our selves and every of us to give advise and notice to all other Armenians not to deal, trade trafficque or Contract wth: them but whereas there are many People of other Nations who obey not their King, so wee Armenians having no King Company nor superior, but are free trading Merchants independant of any, so wee conceive our selves no ways answerable for the actions of others of our Nation, to which wee are no wayes lyable, In confirmation of all the premises wee have hereunto sett our hands & Chops in Fort St. George the Third day of June anº Dom 1697.

JOSEPH DE MARCOS.	MARCO DAVID.
GREGORIO PARAON.	AVIET GASPAR.
STEPHEN MARCOS.	IGNACIO MARCOS.
SAFFAR DE ZACHARIAH.	SERRAUD DAVID.
AMIR JOHN.	

David Marcos and others, Owners of ships Sta: Cruce and St: Cajetan being 4 now bound for Bengall and staying only for the finishing of the said writeings requesting a letter of recommendation to the Agent &ca: a letter was deliver'd him (incloseing the said Armenian writeing wth: translate thereof) coppy whereof follows Vizt.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES.
AGENT &CA: COUNCILL.

Marcos David wth: two ships St: Cruce & St: Cajetan comes now to Bengall, whereof the former design'd for Manilha and the latter to returne hither, he and the other owners of the said ships have requested the liberty of bringing their ships ashore at Calcutta if necessary for their repaire, and allso desire the favour and assistance of the Agent and Councill as occasion shall require. They are either Inhabitants or Traders to this Port and have wth: others signed two papers dated the 3d: Instant promiseing and obligeing themselves not to have any trade or commerce wth: any Interlopers in any part of India. One whereof in the Armenian Language, I send inclosed wth: its translate and another in English I keep here.

I therefore recommend it to you that so long as they shall continue true to said promise you do afford the Marcos David and his two ships and the Armens: Aga [Asc] ar & Johannes Factors of Saffar de Zachariah all the favour and assistance in all respects which you may do without injury to the Rt: Honble: Companys affairs in Bengall.

Fort St: George,
4th: June 1697.

Your very affectiont: friend
NATHL: HIGGINSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 5TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON	

Generall Letters to the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 3rd: Instant to the Generall and to the President & Councill of Surat dated this day read & approved.

RO: BRADDYLL.	NATH: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL.	JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILL. FRASER.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.

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[5th] Dispatched Generall Letters to the President & Councill of Surat and to his Excellency the Generall dated this day Incloseing a generall letter to the Rt: H. C. dated the 3d: Instant.

6 Ship Hussein belonging to the Arrabs arrived in this road from Persia.

Monday 7th

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his accots: for the month of April last particulars vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	963:	24:
Charges Diett	,,	298:	8:
Charges Generall	,,	584:	16:
Charges Merchandise	,,	24:	25:
Charges Cattle	,,	99:	31:
Yegmore &ca: Townes	,,	:	18:
Fortifications and Repairs	,,	126:	32:
Charges Extraordinary	,,	4:	27:
West Coast	,,	13:	14:
Voyage to Trincomolay	,,	9:	32:
Owners of Ship King William	,,	19:	4:
Tombe Vide & Company Brickmakers ...	,,	100:	:
Fort St. David	,,	3:	24:
Vizagapatam Factory	,,	1:	26:
Garrison Stores	,,	4:	18:
	Pags:	2255:	11:

The signing of the Contract wth: Serapa &ca: Merchts: agreed on the 22d: April, being deferred by Serapa's sicknesse, and they being now mett in order to the signeing of the same. The 10th: Paragraph of the Rt: H: Companys Letter dated the primo July 1696 urgeing our disposeall of the Europe cloth thô something under prime Cost being considered. It is thereupon propounded whether wee may goe on wth: that article in the said Contract, which promises the Merchts: that no Broad cloth should be sold out of our Godowns under Pags: 20: 18 fans: ℘ piece within six months and in regard the quantity they are to take off 900 Ps: at Pags: 18½ ℘ piece amounts 16650 doth exceed the quantity sold in any one year and this limitation is but for halfe a year, and we have no assurance of disposeing of so much by other means within that time.

It is resolved that the Contract be concluded and the merchants tashereif'd and that the first Payment be made to them so soone as there is so much money in Cash.

Ordered that Pags: five hundred be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster: for buying of stores.

Generall letter to ffort St: David of this date read and approved.

Ordered that Doctor Buckley and Brown do view and report a parcell of Gallingall brought from China by ship Elizabeth upon an encouragement given the Owners of buying the same.

Ordered that Pags: 677: 25 fanams be paid to Senhor Deago Soares being for one Bill drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David dated the 26th: May 97 as advised in their Generall Letter ditto date.

The following orders are made upon peruseall of the Rt: Hon: Compan: Letter dated 1st July 1696:—

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Par. 2^{d}: Ordered that all Papers relating to M^{r}: Blackmore's voyages in the Juncke to Siam, Malacca &c^{a}: be copied to be sent to the R^{t}: Hon: Company by next shipp.

3: That no Pepper be hereafter (till the R^{t}: Hon: Comp^{a}: shall otherwise order) bought here or at ffort S^{t}: David except Mallabar Pepper brought overland but at or under Pag^{s}: Eighteen ℔ Candy which is 4^{d}: ℔ pound.

4: That the scavengers duty be received by M^{r}: Foquett the Rentall Generall and accounted unto the R^{t}: Hon: Comp^{s}: Cash as formerly and the produce paid unto the Mayor &c^{a}: of the Corporation (as the Town Conicoplies duty is) to be applyed unto the building of a Brickwall round the Towne.

5: The reasons of which order are, M^{r}: Foquett is y^{e}: fittest person to collect it to prevent the abuses usually complained of. It is agreeable to the R^{t}: H. Comp^{s}: orders that the businesse be mannaged by the Mayor &c^{a}: and it is convenient that the Govr: and Councill be acquainted wth: the moneys collected for that use and require an acco^{t}: of the Mayor &c^{a}: of the disbursements.

17: That all the Papers relating to M^{r}: Thomas Constable be copyed in a booke to be sent home by next shipp.

31: That M^{r}: Thomas Bowyears narrative of y^{e}: Cochin China trade, and M^{r}: Edward ffleetwoods account of his negotiation wth: the King of Ava be copied and sent the R^{t}: H. Company by next ship and it is recommended to each of the Councill to produce such narratives of any new discoverys or voyages to the South Seas or elsewhere as they shall meet wth: or can procure, that the same may if fitt be allso sent.

32: That the warehousekeep^{r}: do calculate an acco^{t}: of the Tonnage of ship Martha's Cargo from Bengall by a list of Tonnage now deliver'd him and for the future do calculate the tonnage of the R^{t}: Hoñ: Comp^{s}: Ships Imported and Exported from place to place in India and when laden home and that the said calculates be sent home to the R^{t}: H. Company. But because the said list is not certainly true (but such as wee have) that the R^{t}: Hoñ: Company be requested to send one.

57: That the Secretary coppy the 57 Paragraph relateing to one Hundred Pipes Canary belonging to ye Owners of Shipp Dorothy and shew it the late President Yale and demand his answer thereunto.

Ro: Braddyll.	Nat: Higginson.
Cha: Barwell.	Jo: Styleman.
Tho: Wright.	Will: Fraser.
M: Empson.	Ffrancis Ellis.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Govern^{r}: & Councill of Fort St. David 8
of yesterday's date.

M^{r}. Stephen ffrewen pays into the R^{t}: Hon: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: two thousand at nine ℔ Cent Interest for one month (for which Bill given him) to pay the merch^{ts}: ship Nugadee Sawayee belonging to ye moors sailed for Bengall.

Ship Nos. Senhor Remaindu came out of Sta: Thoma Road into this. 9

Deliver'd a Passe to ship Wellcome Richard Phripp Master bound to the west 10
Coast of Sumatra.

By a Boat which sailed this Evening sent a Generall Letter to the Chiefe & 11
Councill of Vizagapatam of yesterdays date.

Ship Ceasar William Rich master arrived in this road from Surat by whome 12
received Generall Letters from the President & Councill dated the 10th & 11th May last.

Rec^{d}: a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated 10th: Inst. 13

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MONDAY 14

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUTENANT-GENERALL OF INDIA
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN — M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER
M[R]: — M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL
M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL — M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag[s]: one thousand be paid to M[r]: Thomas Wright Paym[r]: for defraying Garrison Charges.

Christopher Fanning having been discharged this service, about two months agoe in prospect of an employment which failed, therefore now makes request to be entertained in his Corporalls place again.

Ordered for the present that he be entertained as a Centinel and have the first Corporalls place that falls if he deserves it.

Ordered that John Wattley be Entertained one of the Gun Room Crew.

M[r]: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the R[t]: Hon: Companys Cash Pag[s]: six hundred on acco[t]: Land Customs and M[r]: Charles Barwell, Sea Custom[r]: Pag[s]: nineteen hundred on acco[t]: Sea Customs.

The Nocqueda of Shipp Nugdee w[th]: the ffactor Hodjee Caudill, having renewed their request for disposeing of the Bengall goods belonging to Mulla Isace and Mulla Mahomod Amein, and produceing two declarations signed by severall moormen of this place giveing their opinion that the goods ought to be sold to prevent dammage by Hodjee Caubill [*sic*] the person intrusted with the goods by the Principals.

It is resolved that Hodjee Caubill have liberty to dispose of the goods, and that the Translates of said Declarations be entred in the Copy Booke of Letters, and the Originals kept by the Secretary.

Ordered that Pag[s]: 42·31 fanams be paid to M[r]: Batson Pearson, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the President and Councill of Surat dat[d] the 10th April 1697 as advised in their Generall Letter Dated the 11th: May last.

The Lieutenant Generall doth acquaint that Serapa having brought severall Painters who are willing to settle their families here if they might have a convenient place about Triblecane. Hee went on the 12th: Instant to view the place they desired, lyeing between Jangamnaigue and Allingalls Gardens, where there was convenient Roome for twenty or thirty Houses according to a platt produced.

It is resolved that they be Entertained and encouraged upon terms hereafter to be concerted.

Charles Ryley having requested to be admitted into the R[t]: Hon: Comp[s]: Service as Second of Priamong, Hee is not approved as a person fitt for that station. And there appearing no demands upon him, It is ordered that his Bond dated 1695, for his return from Persia be deliver'd him.

M[r]: Matthew Empson read acco[t]: of Land Customs for the month of May last particulars Vizt.

Choultry Custome	Pag[s]:	453:	25:	45:
Triblecane Custome	,,	:	5:	30:
Rubie Brokers	,,	129:	3:	27:
Cloth Brokers	,,	17:	14:	45:
Fines	,,	1:	:	:
	Pag[s]:	601:	12:	67:

The Lieutenant-Generall read his acco[t]: of the R[t]: H: C: Cash for the month May last, the balance being Pa[s]: 4504: 26: 3 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary his acco[t]: of Passes for Ditto month amounting to Pag: 18: and paid into the R[t]: Hoñ: Companys Cash Pag[s]: 15: 24: their part thereof.

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Generall Letter from ffort S^{t}: David dated the 10th : Ins^{t}: read, wherein they give an account of the Madrasse Merchants cloth, and lay the blame on Perpaudum one of our merchants, sent down to looke after that businesse, and that he had done it designedly.

It is ordered that Perpaudum be committed to the Custody of the Chief Peon and kept in the sorting Godown and that he and the Madrasse washers who were then at ffort S^{t}: David be examined in Councill on Thursday next.

Doctor Bulkley and Browne having viewed the Gallingall mentioned in the Consultation of the 7th : Instant do report the same to be good.

It is ordered that the same be bought at Pag^{s} : two halfe a Pecull, being about 145 pecul and the warehousekeeper is ordered to receive it and report it's weight.

The warehousekeeper reporting the Broad cloth by ships Sidney and Madrasse to be much dammaged. It is ordered that the warehousekeep^{r}: M^{r}: Wright, M^{r}: Empson, M^{r}: Tredcroft & Mead do view and state the damage as usual valuing the halfe piece at Pag^{s} : 18 : 18.

Allso, that the store of gunnies he hath are not enough for repacking of the King Williams Cargo and none expected from Vizagapatam in time.

It is ordered that he do buy so many as are necessary allso twine and Ropes.

It is ordered that the warehousekeep^{r}: do sell Dollars to any buyers not exceeding wty. $16\frac{1}{2}$ for 10 Pag^{s}.

The sea having washed away all the sand before the sea gate so that there is no passage for Coolies. It is ordered that till the sea gate can be repaired the Sea Customer do cause all the goods to bee landed and brought in at S^{t}: Thoma's Gate.

The Paymaster is ordered to pay Doctor Bulklys Bill for drugs &c^{a} : bought in the Buzar for the use of the Hospitall from the first Novemb^{r}: 1694 to the last of April 1697 amounting to Pag^{s}: 149 : 33 : and Dr. Browne's bill of ditto from the primo : Augst 1696 to the last of April 1697 amounting to Pa : 18 : 4 : 4 and that for the future the Doctors do produce their Bills monthly.

The Judge reports that at a Generall Sessions Held on the 10th & 11th : Instants Richard Caswell an Englishman and Adrian van Reed a Dutchman were found guilty of felony for being concerned in the running away wth: the R^{t}: Hon : Comp^{s} : ketch Josia out of this road and Brigantine Gingerlee from Anjengo. But claiming the benefitt of their clergy did both read and were burn't in the hand and returned to the custody of the marshall. Allso on Vella, a Jentue was likewise found guilty of felony for breaking open a Godown in the Christian Towne and thence stealing severall things and having formerly lost both his Ears was condemned to be hanged.

Ordered that the said sentence be put in execution on Saturday the 19th : Instant and that M^{r}: Empson and M^{r}: Tredcroft do see the same performed. And that the said Casswell and Van Reed be sent for England by the first ship or ships that shall go from this place. And in the meantime to remaine in the custody of the Marshall.

The Accomptant produces the Journal and Ledger of the generall accounts brought up to the last of April 1697.

Ro : Braddyll.	Nat : Higginson.
Cha : Barwell.	Jo : Styleman.
Tho : Wright.	Will : Fraser.
M : Empson.	ffrancis : Ellis.

The Bencoolen Yatch John Ashman master sailed for York Fort by whom 14.
sent a Generall Letter to the Deputy Govr: &c^{a}: dated the 8th: Instant Incloseing Coppies of our Generall Letters to York Fort and Priamong by shipps Dolphin & Olivebranch.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1697*——

Thursday 15

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON

Ordered that two hundred Pags: be advanced to Raggina &ca: washers for cureing the Rt: Honble: Companys cloth.

There being some of the King Williams Callicoes returned from the washers to be sorted, It is ordered that the same be sorted by Mr: ffraser &ca: sorters and Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyll, and that all the Bales be marked wth: the letter K besides the usuall markes, and that the Paymr: do disburse all the charges relating to Ship King Williams Cargo, as well the charges of ye: washing, Beating, Packing &ca: as Boat hire and Cooley vizt: by notes signed by Mr: Ellis or Mr: Braddyll.

Capt: James Thwaites Commander of Ship King William having delivered a Paper (as Entred after this Consultation) desireing goods be sent off equivalent to what more shall be brought ashore. On the one hand it is considered that if Goods be not sent aboard as the Commander desires he must ballast the ship with sand which will be a charge to the Owners. On the other hand our agreement wth: the Commander doth provide that the shipp shall be unladen, and when refitted by survey to be reladen. If goods are now reladen and the ship afterwards prove uncapable by survey of proceeding, wee expose the goods to an unnecessary risgo, and we doubt whether the lading of goods, will not render the Rt: Hon: Company liable to pay demorage from the time of commencement of Lading. Upon the whole It is resolved that we cannot send any goods aboard Capt: Thwaite his Ship as requested.

The 29th Paragraph of the Rt: Hon: Comps: Generall Letter by Ship Sidney dated the primo July 1696 relating to Mr: Edward Tredcrofts being of this Councill having been for two or three Consultations past deferred by reason of the absence of some of the Councill. It is now propounded whether by virtue of said Paragraph he ought to be of Councill or no. And it being objected that ye: word of the said Paragraph [That wee approve of Mr: Darley and Mr: Heath being Entertained in our Service at Bencoolen, and that Mr: Edward Tredcroft is added to your Councill] thô they [do] approve of the entertainment of Mr: Darley & Mr: Heath, yet that the word approve doth not extend to Mr: Tredcroft's, being of Councill, because there is a stopp between Mr: Darley and Heath and Mr: Tredcroft. The question being thereupon put whether it do's extend to Mr: Tredcrofts being of Councill. It is the unanimous opinion of all but Mr: ffraser that the said Paragraph doth approve Mr: Tredcroft's being of Councill and that otherwise the construction is not intelligible to us.

Mr: Fraser doth further alledge that the said Paragraph doth plainly revoke the Rt: Hon: Companys order in their Letter by the King William, wherein it is declared that none are to have vote or suffrage in Councill but those named in the Commission & letter then sent. But it is the opinion of the rest of the Councill that the Rt: Hon: Company did not by that declaration put it out of their power to adde others when they pleased and Mr: Fraser is of the same opinion.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft being sent for and acquainted wth: the Rt: Hon: Companys orders concernd: Hee requests time of giveing an answer, haveing had thoughts of returning home.

RO: BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL. JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT. WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON. FFRANCIS: ELLIS.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1697*—— [15TH]

May it please yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}:

Having sent so many Bales and as much pepper as I can wth: safety send ashore out of our Ship, till I receive other goods in the roome.

This is humbly to desire that your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will be pleased to order us some goods w^{ch}: may be equivalent for what may be taken from on board for the future w^{ch}: is the desire of

Fort S^{t}: George, Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: hum^{le}: serv^{t}:
15th day June 1697. JAMES THWAITES.

Travelling Peons do report that on Sunday last a Party of five or six 15
hundred Morattas from Chingee came to Sradrassepatam and plunder'd all the Town but the Dutch Factory.

Received a Generall Letter from M^{r}: Watts &c^{a}: Councill at Tonqueen dated the 24th: November 1696, by way of Batavia.

Ship Wellcome Richard Phrip master sailed for the West Coast by whome 16
sent a Generall Letter directed to the Deputy Goven^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill at York Fort or to the Chiefe and Councill of Priamong. Inclos[eing] Invoice and Bill of Lading for what laden on her.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 17TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA

M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATHEW EMPSON

M^{r}: William ffraser Storekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: five hundred on acco^{t}: stores sold.

Ordered that all the damaged Longcloth, both White Blew and brown belonging to the King Williams Cargo that is not fitt to be Embaled be made into Shirts, and the like to be done wth: so much of the fine morees as are damaged and not fitt to be Embaled as they shall appeare [to] bee more or lesse dammaged and the same to be done wth: the Salampores and that such course cloth as shall appear to be so much dammaged as not fitt to be applyed to the aforesaid uses be used as wrappers for Bales.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Fort S^{t}: George washers sent to ffort S^{t}: David being Examined concerning the torne cloth, one of them declares that he shewed sixty or seventy pieces to Perpaudum who bid him wash and Congee the same and deliver it to the Beaters, which was accordingly done and that Perpaudum paid them for washing as for the other cloth and paid the Beaters.

Perpaudum being Examined owneth that he saw twenty two pieces brown which he ordered to be halfe washed and ten pieces white, all which he ordered to be put aside and kept for wrappers and sale and that Morta naigue the person appointed to looke after the washers is answerable for all those faults.

Serapa &c^{a}: merchants being sent for & acquaint^{d}: that by the examination of the washers, the people appointed by them did order the washing and beating of the cloth, and that therefore they (Serapa &c^{a}:) must make satisfaction to the R^{t}: H. Company and t'is incumbent on them to find out the guilty otherwise 'twill be thought to be done by their Order.

Serapa &c^{a}: acquaints, that they have ordered [all] their servants at ffort S^{t}: David to come and they expect them suddainly.

The further examination of this matter is referred to their arriveall, and it is ordered that Perpaudum have his liberty he giveing five hundred Pag^{s} Security for his forthcomeing.

[17TH] ——FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1697——

The Governour produces his acco^t of the mint for the months of September, October, Novemb^r, December and January last Viz^t:

September—Nil.					
October—The produce of oz^s 3210 wrought Plate ...	Rup^s:	7629	—		
November—The Custom of Rup^s 25	,,	0005	—		
December—Nil.					
January—Dollars oz^s 3292 : dwt. 13	,,	7946	15		
,, Dollars oz^s 200 Malay fan^s:	,,	5784	—		

And pays into the R^t: Hon: Companys Cash Pag^s 115 pa.: 18 fa.: 4 ca.: the balance of the account Custome of coinage of Gold.

Ordered that 40 (or) 50 candy of Surat Cotton be bought at Pag^s 23 ℔ Candy to be sent to Vizagapa^tm and that the warehousekeeper do cause the same to be sent by the first oppertunity to Vizagapat^m.

The Secretary acquaints that he delivered ye copy of the 57 Parag. of the R^t: Hon: Companys Generall dated the ℔mo July 1696 to the late Presid^t Yale, [to] which he gave for answer, that he had remitted the greatest part of the produce of the Owners of Shipp Dorothy's wine home, and what remained in his hands would render an account of.

Ro: Braddyll.	Nath: Higginson.
Cha: Barwell.	Jo: Styleman.
Tho: Wright.	Will: Fraser.
M. Empson.	ffrancis Ellis.

Friday 18

Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble; Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieuten^t: Gen^ll of India

M^r: John Styleman	M^r: William Fraser
M^r: Francis Ellis	M^r: Roger Braddyll
M^r: Charles Barwell	M^r: Thomas Wright

M^r: Matthew Empson

Mr William Fraser warehousekeeper pays in[to] the R^t Hon^a Comp^s Cash Pag^s two thousand on account Dollars sold.

Captain James Thwaites Command^r of Shipp King William desireing two thousand Pagod^s for the use of the said Ship on the term's of agreement dated the 21st May 1697 and offering to deliver us a chest now produced as a deposit wherein he sai's are contained all the Diamonds and Pearle[s] Laden on the s^d Shipp for England which by the List of the laders valuation amounts to Pag^s 16751: 20: 74. It was declared to him that wee did not demand and were not willing to accept a deposit of so great a value. Hee further insisting that he had nothing else to deposit and that he is not willing to seperate the ℔ cells Laden, and doth esteem the ffort the best place for their safe keeping. Capt Thwaites was desired to expresse his own meaning and reasons in the Draught of the paper which he will sign for assigning the said Deposit as security for [money] lent, till which he carryeth the chest backe.

Capt Thwaites acquainting us that his ship is in a condition for a surveigh and desireing it may be made. It is Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint the following persons that they are desired to go aboard on Monday morning early for that purpose, Viz^t.

Capt: Charles Metcalfe	Capt: Armiger Gostlin
Capt: William Brookes	Capt: William How
Capt: Zacha: Stilgoe	William Longgost

Robert Atkinson

Capt Benjamin Prickman his Chiefe Mate and Carpenter.

Capt Gyfford sicke desired to send his Chiefe Mate and Carpenter.

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Mr John Styleman and Nathl Stone pay into the R^{t} Honble Companys Cash Pag^{s} two thousand and Mr Roger Braddyll Pag^{s} one thousand for both which sumes Bills were given for one month at nine ℘ cent Interest ℘annum.

Capt Thwaites complaining that there hath been few boates sent and some of the boates sent off at six a clocke in the morning do not come aboard his ship till one a clocke in the afternoone and that the Boatmen do not carry off halfe so much balast as they ought to do at a time. Mr Ellis, Mr Braddyll and the Sea Customer do declare that they never heard any complaint before now for want of Boats. The Sea Customer is now ordered to take care that there be so many Boats sent off every day as the Ca[p^{t}.] demands, and that they make so many tripps every day as they ought to doe, and allso carry off so much Balast as will amount to at least a Ton every trip.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: three thousand be paid to the Merchants in further part of their Contract dated the twenty-second of April and 7th: Instant being the second payment.

RO : BRADDYLL.	NATH : HIGGINSON.
CHA : BARWELL.	JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.	WILL : FRASER.
M : EMPSON.	FFRANCIS : ELLIS.

The following paper signed by the Secretary was sent to the persons appointed by yesterdays Consultation to survey Ship King William Viz. SATURDAY 19

Ship King William Capt: James Thwaites Com^{r}: being designed to be laden and dispatched for England so soone as unladen and refitted by survey in manner equivalent to such a shipp and such a voyage. You are desired by the Lieutenant-Generall and Councill and said Capt: Thwaites to go on board the said ship on Monday morning next between Seven & Eight a clocke and survey her so far as she can be surveyed, and give your opinions in what condition she appears to be in, in Order to the performance of said voyage to England.

Received a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 29th: May 1697. 21
Incloseing their acco^{t}: Currant from the primo May 1696 to [*lacuna*] the ultimo January 169$\frac{6}{7}$ and their Diary & Consultations from the [*lacuna*] to the [*lacuna*] allso an answer to M^{r}: Daniell Dubois his objections to his acco^{t}: stated by the late Commissary Generall.

Received a Generall letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 17 Instant.

Delivered a Printed Passe to ship Triblecane bound to Manilha.

Shipp Triblecane sailed for Manilha.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 22

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{E} LIEUTEN^{T} : GEN^{LL} : OF INDIA

M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN	M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : FRANCIS ELLIS	M^{R} :
M^{R} : CHARLES BARWELL	M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT

M^{R} : MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag^{s}: twenty-five be paid to Richard Ware, being for one bill drawn by the Govr: and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated 4th: Instant.

[22ND] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1697*——

M^{r}: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: two thousand one Hundred on Acco^{t}: Sea Customs and read his account for the month May last ℘ticul^{rs}: Viz.

To Custome on goods Imported and Exported this month	P. 3413 :	25 :	42
Ditto on grain	723 :	6 :	83
To Anchorage	60 :	18 :	0
To Tonnage	50 :	0 :	0
To salvage for 1 Anch^{r}: p^{z} 1 ^{cwt}: 3^{q} : 14^{lb} : at 6^{pa} : ℘ cwt. ... ... 11 : 9 paid the Mucquawmen ... ... 01 : 0	10 :	9 :	0
To freight ℘ Sampson for Bengall 2000$^{Rups.}$ ...	5 :	31 :	0
Pag^{s}:	4263 :	18 :	25

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two hundred be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright being for one Bill drawn by the Governour and Councill of ffort S^{t}: David dated the 17th Instant.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft in persuance of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys order in the 29 Paragraph of their Letter dated the primo July 1696 takes place in this Councill.

Generall Letters from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 17th: Instant and from Vizagapatam dated the 29th: past read. Allso the answers thereunto dated yesterday.

M^{r}: William Fraser read his Warehouse and Storekeepers accounts for the month of May last and pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: two thousand on acco^{t}: Dollars sold.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 77 : 6 : 20 be paid for 1^{ca}: 6^{md}: 4^{lb}: copper bought by Order of Consultation of the Eight of April last.

The persons appointed on the 18th: Instant to survey Ship King William, having reported her Hull, Masts, Yards and Rigging in a good condition for a voyage (Copy whereof entred after this Consultation) which survey having been made purely at Captain Thwaites request. It being apparent to us from the shore, that neither her Masts, Yards nor Rigging are yet all up. And it is well known that the ship is not furnished wth: men, Provisions, Guns, Sailes and other necessary stores. And it being supposed that Capt: Thwaites his intention in demanding a survey at this time is to render the R^{t}: Honble: Company liable to the payment of demorage from the time of this survey. To prevent w^{ch}: it is thought requisite that the surveyors doe answer the following questions vizt.

1st When you surveyed the ship, were the masts, Yards and Rigging all fixed.

2^{d} Did you survey the Gunns, Cables, Anchors, Sailes &c^{a}: Boatswain & Gunners stores and Provisions.

Which questions the Secretary is ordered to send them and require their answer.

Capt: Thwaites having sent us a Paper of this days date (as entred after this Consultation) wherein he offers all the Diamonds and Pearle Laden upon his ship as a deposit.

It is for the present resolved that the said Paper is not a sufficient assignation bing neither sealed nor wittnessed. It being late and some absent an answer to the said paper is deferred till next meeting.

Ro: Braddyll.	Nat: Higginson.
Cha: Barwell.	Jo: Styleman.
Tho: Wright.	Will: Fraser.
M: Empson.	ffrancis: Ellis.

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Whereas wee the subscribers, at the desire of the Honble: Lieuten^r^ Generall and Councill and Capt: James Thwaites have this day been on board ship King William to survey the said ship wheth^r^: or no the said ship was in a condition to performe the intended voyage to England w^th^: the R^t^: Honble: East India Comp^a^: goods. After having carefully surveyed the said ship (as much as in us lay) doe find the said ships Hull, Masts, Yards, &c^a^: Rigging in good condition and very Capable to performe her above said voyage to England, this is the opinion of

On board the Ship King William in Madrasse Road the 21st: June 1697.	BENJAMIN PRICKMAN. CHARLES METCALFE. ARMIGER GOSTLIN. WILLIAM BROOKE. WILLIAM HOW. ZECHA: STILGOE.	WILLIAM EAST. JAMES BAREFOOT. WILLIAM LONGGOST. PETER CORNAR. ROBERT ATKINSON.

May it Please Yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^:

According to an agreement made w^th^: your Hon^r^: &c^a^; relateing to ship King William by w^ch^: I am obliged to give your Hon^r^: &c^a^: a Deposit for what sumes of mony I shall receive of your Hon^r^: &c^a^: for the use of s^d^ ship I therefore herew^th^: offer to yor: Hon^r^: &c^a^: a deposit of all the Diamonds and Pearle that was laden on board the said ship King William (not being willing to seperate them) which I assign over to your Hon^r^: &c^a^: for so much money as I shall receive of your Hon^r^: &c^a^: for said ships use, which I hope your Hon^r^: &c^a^: will please to accept from.

Your Hon^r^: &c^a^: most humble serv^t^

JAMES THWAITES.

Fort St. George
The 22nd: June 1697.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Governour and Councill of Fort S^t^: David and to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam both dated the 21st: Instant. 23.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 24TH

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUTEN^T^: GEN^LL^: OF INDIA

M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS	M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL	M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON	M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Capt. Benjamin Prickman Commander of ship Madrasse Merchant having presented a request (as entred after this Consultation) desireing that the seven hundred Dollars mentioned in said ships charterparty be paid him. The warehouse keeper is ordered to pay him said sume takeing three receipts for the same.

An answer to Captain Thwaites Paper of y^e^: 22 Instant read and approved as copied after this Consultation.

Mr. William Fraser Warehousekeep^r^ pays into the R^t^: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s^: two thousand on acco^t^: goods and silver sold.

Paper for the Generall and Consultation Books being wanted. The Warehousekeeper is ordered to take out the one halfe of what came for Bengall by ship Madrasse and reserve the rest for Bengall.

[24TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1697*——

Ordered that Emanuel, d'Mount, Ant°: d'Mount, Emanuel d'Cort, Simon d'Mount, Balthazar Correa, Doega Rosairo and John d'susa bee entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymastr: read his accot: disbursements for the month of May last: particulars Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags:	912:	25:
Charges Merchandize	,,	22:	15:
Charges Generall	,,	510:	28:
Tonqueen Factory	,,	98:	29:
Vizagapatam Factory	,,	1:	...:
Fort St: David	,,	1:	...:
Ship Dolphin	,,	915:	11:
Mary Buoyer	,,	686:	29:
Ship Olive branch	,,	613:	...:
West Coast	,,	334:	26:
Charges Cattle	,,	23:	23:
Fortifications and repairs	,,	81:	22:
Bengall	,,	15:	...:
Garrison stores	,,	4:	5:
Yegmore &ca: Townes	,,	...:	18:
Charges Diett	,,	260:	30:
Charges Extraordinary	,,	7:	7:
	Pag	4,491:	16:

Discoursed concerning the disposall of ships Sampson Sidney and Madrasse, but deferred comeing to a resolution till Monday against which time the Councill were desired to consider and give their opinions.

CHA: BARWELL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: [WRIGHT]. JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON. WILL: FRASER.
E: TREDCROFT. [FFRANCIS:] ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.

May it please your Honr: &ca: Councill.

There being seven hundred Dollars mentioned in shipp Madrasse Merchants Charterparty to be supplyed by the R. H. Comp: in India; I desire you will be pleased to order me the same, for furnishing said ship wth: Provisions and other necessaries, I am

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Madrasse 24th: June 1697. Your most humble servt:
BENJAMIN PRICKMAN.

TO CAPT: JAMES THWAITES COMR:
OF SHIP KING WILLIAM.

On the 22d: Instant wee recd: [in the evening] your Paper dated that day, wherein you offer & assign all the Diamonds and Pearl laden on your ship as a Deposit for what sumes of money you shall receive of us for the use of said ship. Which paper we cannot accept as an assignmt: because it is neither sealed nor wittnessed, besides other defects and uncertainties in the wording. Nor are wee willing to accept (as hath been before declared unto you) all the Diamonds and Pearle laden on your ship as a deposit because by the account of their valuation as given in by their Laders they amount to about Pags: 16,571: 20: 74 which is too great a sume for us to demand or receive for the two thousand Pags: you now desire or for all the money we have agreed to furnish you wth: Thô if you think the

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ffort a securer place, you shall have the liberty of keeping them there without chargeing ourselves wth: the risgoe of more then the value (or near the value) of the sume we pay you. But whensoever you shall deliver to us your obligation or a deposit of equal value in due forme assigned, wee are ready in persuance of our agreement of the 21st: May 1697, to furnish you wth: such sume or sumes of money as you shall desire for the use of your ship and when your shipp is unladen and refitted in manner equivalent by survey to such a ship and such a voyage we are ready to relade your ship for England and to prevent future disputes about ye: manner of refitting, we desire you to produce to us a List signed of Cables, Anchors, Sailes, Gunns, Gunners stores, Boatswains stores men and Provisions wherewith you intend to furnish your ship, that it may be in due time agreed whether it be sufficient for the voyage. Dated in Fort St. George this 24th: June 1697.

ROGER: BRADDYLL.	NATHL: HIGGINSON.
CHARLES: BARWELL.	JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILLIAM: FRASER.
MATT: EMPSON.	FRANCIS: ELLIS.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.	

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 26

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Twenty three of ship King Williams men comeing ashore last night between seven and eight a clocke in a massula they were secured upon the Guard and the Councill being thereupon mett this morning and severall of the men Examined, they agree the reason of their comeing ashore was not for want of victualls, but for want of money to buy clothes for the voyage, and that they did not designe to desert the ship but came of themselves to the ffort.

Capt Thwaites being present doth declare that he hath paid each man three Pags: about three weeks agoe to provide cloths and that Mr: Rouse having promised them another month's Pay, which not being paid on the day they expected was the only occasion of their comeing ashore.

Thô the crime deserve a severer punishmt: for example, yet all circumstances of this case considered, It is resolved and ordered that two persons who seem to be the most active and obstinate Viz, Richard Plomer & Christopr: Clement bee punished by the Marshall in the fort wth: 39: stripes wth: a rattan in the presence of the rest after which to be kept in the custody of the Marshall till they can be changed. The rest to be remitted wth: a declaration that it is by reason of the hardship they have endured at Trincomolay, but the next fault would deserve a double punishment and that due care is taken for their provisions homeward bound and for cloths at reasonable rates.

Mr: William Fraser wareheusekeepr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pagods: two thousand on accot: silver and goods sold.

RO: BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL.	JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E. TREDCROFT.	

[26TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1697*——

Ship Hussen, Abdula Sheker Mastr: sailed for Bengall.

27 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David, dated the 22d: Instant. Allso a Letter from Governr: Pitt to the Lieutenant Generall, dated the 19th Instant.

MONDAY 28

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATT: EMPSON	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Capt: Thwaites delivers one Bulse of Diamonds marked B. F. D. valued in the List of diamonds att Pags: two thousand, as deposit for Pags: two thousand wth: a writeing of assignment dated this day.

It is ordered that Pags: two thousand be paid to Captain: James Thwaites, and that the said bulce be kept in the Cash chest to be re-delivered in persuance of our agreement of the 21st: of May last.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Eight hundred on accot: Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pags Eight Hundred be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymastr: for defraying charges Garrison.

The warehousekeeper reporting to have recd: Pecl: 145: 24 of gallingall bought by order of Consuln: [ ] of the 14th: Instant at Pags: 2: 18 fans: ℘ Pecull amounts to Pags: 362: 34: 2. The same is ordered to be paid.

Ordered that the following stores be bought by the Paymaster for the use of the Garrison.

Claret	40	Gallons.
Canary	30	Gallons.
Rhenish	20	Gallons.
Cape wine	1	hhd.
English Beer	4	Puncheons.
Mum	1	Barrell.
Cheese	200 lbs	Weight.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: two thousand Eight Hundred on accot: Dollars and goods sold.

Ordered that Pags: 136 be paid to Chittor Narsa being for one Bill drawn by the Governr: and Councill of ffort St. David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 22d: Instant.

The Merchants having considered what Bales they can bring in by the last of August next they promise that besides the cloth allready brought in, to bring in 150 bales white and 50 bales brown, but will bring in 200 bales white if they can, having allready procured some washers and promise to ℘cure more to wash their cloth. And Iapa Chittee and other of the Chief Merchants promise to go into the Country to see the businesse done.

The sorters delivering their opinions that [the] stained Longcloth and Salampores of the King Wms: Cargo which are thinner then usuall for Blew cloth ought not to be dyed blew, but to be sent home if sound only washed clean and without congee which will be fitt for dyeing in England.

It is resolved that they doe accordingly.

Concerning the disposall of the shipping it is considered.

1. There is not a certainty (thô a fair promise) of getting a sufficient quantity of cloth from the ffort St. George ffort St. David and Vizagapatam Mercts: to make up a competent lading for the Sidney [in] due time to accompany the King William.

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2. If the merchants shall bring in a sufficient quantity there remains a double uncertainty of the expected bales of Vizagapatam and Fort St. George. For thô a vessell may be sent to Vizagapatam yet the time of her returne in August and September is uncertain, and thô the King Williams bales are in the greatest part recoverable by washing yet it seemes that there are very few (if any) that have alltogether escaped damage, and therefore must be all rewashed. The doeing of which will wholly employ our washers so that they will not be able to wash the cloth to be brought in by our merchts:

3. Consequently, there doeth not appear good ground for a dependance on the getting of a compl[ete] Lading for ye: Sidney in due time to accompany ye: King William.

4. And if she stays here longer for a Lading, she cannot be laden till after the monsoon is over that is till after November, which will be five or six months from her arriveall, in which time there can be no other employment for her on the Coast but to make a trip to Fort St. David and Vizagapatam to carry a few goods and fetch a few Bales, the freight whereof will not answer halfe a months Demorage of so large a shipp.

5. If the Sidney go to Bengall it cannot be expected yt: both she & the Sampson will be Laden there for Europe, nor can wee depend upon the Lading of more then one. There must therefore bee a lading secured on the Coast in December or January next, not only for one great ship but allso for filling up the other if not fully laden in Bengall.

6. For which reason thô there may be a sufficient Lading for the Madrasse frigot to accompany the King William, yet that Lading ought not to be spared for fear of a failure in the lading of ye: greater ships, whose demorage (the cast) is [more] then double to the Madrasse.

7. There is no reason to doubt but there will be by October next a sufficient quantity of Pepper at the West Coast for the lading of such a shipp as the Madrasse frigot, thô it may be doubted whether there may be enough for the Sidney.

8. Either the Sidney or Madrasse frigot must go to Bengall, and the other either be laden to accompany the King William, or go to the West Coast and fill up for England, or returne hither.

9. It is plainly most Eligible that the Madrasse frigot go to Bengall and the Sidney be laden & accompany the King William home, but there is an uncertainty in procureing a full lading in the propounded time either here or at the West Coast for so large a ship and in case of a disappointment she will Lye allmost as long upon demorage as if she goes to Bengall, and the Madrasse frigot allso. But if the Madrasse goes to the West Coast her demorage will be shortned, and a Lading of Provisions &ca: from Bengall either by ye: Sampson or Sidney will contribute considerably towards the demorage of one of the larger ships.

For the foregoeing reasons it is resolved that so soone as the Rupees are coined Shipp Sidney do proceed for Bengall, from whence either the Sidney or Sampson do returne by the 20th: of November, or so soone as the change of the monson will permitt, Laden wth: Saltpetre, [Bales] of Cotton, Yarne and provisions for this Place calling at Vizagapatam to take in the Bales then ready, for which either roome is to be left according as Mr: Holcombe &ca: shall advise to Bengall, or filled wth: an equivalent number of Baggs of rice deliverable at Vizagapatam. The other ship to follow so soone as she can be Laden, or by the first day of January if they find they cannot fully lade her in due time, that she be dispatched for this Place to be filled up here.

That the Sidney be last laden from Bengall [because] reputed the better sailer and therefore the fitter ship as well for carriage of the fine Bengall goods as for the gaining this Port in case of contrary winds wch: sometimes happen in the moneth of January.

That the Madrasse frigot take in one thousand or twelve hundred Baggs Saltpetre and proceed for Fort St. David with such stores as they want & we can

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procure and take in such goods as shall be then ready and returne hither, from whence to Vizagapatam wth: forty Candy of Cotton bought for those Merchants, wth: what else shall offer and there take in what Bales then ready & from thence proceed to Priamong and York Fort and fill up wth: Pepper for England, or in failure of a full Lading to returne hither by the first day of December.

The reason of not sending the Madrasse Merchant immediately to the West Coast is because the months of September and October are subject to very hard gusts of wind and unfitt for Lading and therefore the ship ought not to arrive there till the latter end of October.

RO: BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL. JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT. WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON FFRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.

In answer to those two questions sent us by Your Honr: &ca: for the better explanation of our report of the survey of Ship King William please to accept the following.

As to the First. Our meaning by those words that the Ship is very capable to performe a voy[age] to England, is not that she is really at present in a sailing posture. But that her Hull is good and the masts, Yards and Rigging she has on board appears to us well fixed and sufficient for her intended voyage.

As to the Second. Wee did not survey any of the perticulars mentioned in said question not apprehending it to be requested by Your Honr: &cas:

BENJ: PRICKMAN. WILLIAM BROOKE.
CHARLES METCALFE. ZECHA: STILGOE.
WILLIAM HOW. ROBERT ATKINSON.
ARMIGER GOSTLIN. WILLIAM LONGGOST.

29 Ship Noss Senhora d'rosairo sailed for Bengall.
30 Ship Ceasar William Rich Master sailed for Bengall.

THURSDAY. JULY 1ST

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATT: EMPSON EDWARD TREDCROFT

Ordered that Pags: three thousand be paid to Serrapa &ca: Merchants in further part of their Contract, dated the 22nd: April & 7th: June last being the 3d: payment.

Mr: Daniel Chardin Churchwarden offering Pags: fifteen hundred of the Church stocke at interest for six months. It is ordered that the same be accepted at Eight ℔ Cent Interest ℔ annum and Bills accordingly given.

Ordered that Eight or Ten thousand Pags: (according as the Cash will then afford it) be sent to ffort St. David by the Madrasse frigot.

Mr: John Meverell delivers an account of the Peddenaigues Duty for three months Ending March last amount to Pags: 614: 20: 50 and pays the same to the Secretary. Also on account of ye: Town Conicoplies duty for four months. Ending March amounting to Pags: 228: 22: 36, and pays the same into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash.

Ordered that twenty Piggs of Lead be continued on the Madrasse for Vizagapatam.

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Ordered that all the Lead by Shipp Sidney be continued for Bengall and the chest of Medicines, Brass Gun and two chest Glassware and that there be laden the halfe of the case of Paper &ca: and 30 of the 99 Portuguez Prayer Books received by the Madrasse and that twenty of the said prayer Books be sent to ffort St: David, five to Vizagapatam & fifteen to the West Coast.

Capt: James Thwaites having delivered an account of Provisions &ca: stores wch: he intends to provide for Ship King William.

The Secretary is ordered to write out a Coppy of the List of Provisions and send the same to Capt Gyfford and Capt: Prickman desireing them to give their opinions in writeing for how many men the same is sufficient for a voyage to England.

R. Braddyll.	Nat: Higginson.
Cha: Barwell.	Jo: Styleman.
Tho: Wright.	Will: Fraser.
M: Empson.	francis Ellis
E: Tredcroft.	

Last night Brigantine St: David arrived from ffort St: David and brought a Generall Letter dated the 29th: past Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for 35 Bales. 2

The following order was signed by the Governr: & Councill Viz. 2

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to cause thirty five Bales Callicoes to be unladen from the St: David Brigantine and to pay the frieght.

And the President and Councill haveing advised their present occasion for money, It is ordered that two thousand Pags: be sent them by said Brigantine being to saile before the Madrasse frigot and esteemed a good sailer.

Roger Braddyll.	Nathl: Higginson.
Charles Barwell.	John Styleman.
Thomas Wright.	William Fraser.
Matthew Empson.	Francis Ellis.
Edward Tredcroft.	

Att a Consultation — Monday 5th

Present

The Honble Nathl Higginson Esq. Lieut. Genll of India

Mr: John Styleman	Mr: William Fraser
Mr:	Mr: Roger Braddyll
Mr: Charles Barwell	Mr: Thomas Wright
Mr: Matt: Empson	Mr: Edward Tredcroft

M: Stephen Frewen produceing a Letter from his father dated the 5th of ffebruary 169⅚ by Shipp Sampson, that being advised by some of the Comittee of four ships to touch at Cadiz. He had ordered Mr: Turner at Cadiz to send him one Hundred pound in Dollars by the first ship bound for the ffort for his maintenance. Allso a letter by the Sidney dated the second June 1696 from said Mr Turner and Mr: Holder, Incloseing a Bill of Lading signed by Mr: George Petty Supra Cargo of ye: Scarborough for 357 ps: of 8/8 which letter it seems had been received: from the Scarborough by some of ye: Sidneys men.

Resolved upon Mr: Frewen's request, that the Agent in Bengall do cause the said Dollars to be received and sent by the first opertunity hither to Mr: Frewen.

The Sea Customer produceing an account of the cargo of Ship Nocqueda Sevoy bound from Bengall for Surat, but put in here by contrary winds and Landed his cargo till the monsoon served for Surat. The Custome whereof at five ℔ cent

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amounts to Pag^s : 993 : 29 : 75. The Sea Customer is ordered to receive said sume in full of all demands.

Mr. Roger Braddyll mintmaster read his mint account for the month of May last, and pays into the R^t : Honble : Companys cash Pag^s : 141 : 31 : 4 and to Mr. William Fraser Warehousekeeper Rupees Eight Hundred thirty and thirteen annoes on account Custome of coinage.

William Messenger having presented his Petition (as entred in the coppy book of letters received) for his house slaves and Bales to be deliver'd to him in Bengall, concerning which the R^t : Honble : Comp^a. write in this Generall letter by Ship Sampson dated the 20th February 169⅚, M^r : Braddyll doeth informe us that there is in Bengall a Bale of Mulmulls received from the security of Messenger but was not brought into the custody of the Warehouse nor do wee find any mention thereof in the Consultation or Diary in December 1694, when he ran away and the forfeiture of the Bond of 500 Rupees was demanded of y^e : security. And William Messenger doth upon further thoughts quitt his claime to the House and everything else except the Bale of Mulmuls.

The circumstances of the case considered, It is resolved that the Agent and Councill be order'd to deliver the said bale to Capt^t : William Gyfford for the use of the said Messenger upon messeng^rs : signing a writeing whereby he doth remit to the R^t : Honble : Company all claims of the House or slaves and from all other demands, whatsoever and that his securities Bond be deliver'd them.

Ordered that Thome D'Sosa Portuguez bee entertained as a Souldier in this Garrison.

Ordered that Pag : One thousand be paid to M^r : Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall to be sent by ship Sidney dated this day read to paragraph the 17th.

Capt : Gifford and Capt : Prickman give their opinions that the list of Provisions designed by Capt. Thwaites for his voyage is sufficient for [130] men for six months.

Ordered that besides all rupees that can be gott ready there be laden upon the Sidney five chest of Dollr^s : for Bengall, for the increase of their stocke.

Ordered that three or four great gunns between 35 & 45 weight be sent to ffort St. David by y^e : Madrasse frigot.

Ordered that the Paymaster muster shipps Sidney and Madrasse's men on Wednesday next.

NAT : HIGGINSON.	RO : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN.	CHA : BARWELL.
WILL : FRASER.	THO : WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	M : EMPSON.

E. TREDCROFT.

[6TH] Brigantine St. Davids sailed for Fort S^t : Davids.

[7TH] Despatched Generall Letter of this date to Fort S^t : Davids Incloseing a Bill of Lading for two thousand Pag^s : sent them by the St. Davids Brigantine.

THURSDAY 8TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE : NATH^L : HIGGINSON ESQ^R : LIEUT GEN^LL : OF INDIA

M^R : JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R :	M^R : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R : CHARLES BARWELL	M^R : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R : MATY : EMPSON	M^R : EDWARD TREDCROFT

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Ordered that any sume or sumes of money be borrowed at Interest not exceeding ten thousand Pag^{s}: at eight ℘ cent Interest ℘ annum to pay off the sums allready borrowed at nine ℘ c^{t}: Interest and for the supply of Fort St. Davids and Vizagapatam.

Ordered that two thousand and fifteen Pag^{s}: be paid to Mr. Stephen Frewen in discharge of two thousand Pag^{s}: borrowed the 8th: past at nine ℘ cent Interest.

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of June last the balance whereof is P^{d}: 11,179–8–5 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary his account of Passes for ditto month amounting to Pag^{s}: 14, and pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: cash pa 12: 24, their part thereof.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{le}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: two thousand on account Sea Custome.

The Warehouse Keeper produceing an account signed by the persons appointed by Consultation of the 14th: past to survey the dammaged cloth of ship Sidney the damage whereof amounts to Pag^{s}: 1634 Capt Gifford being sent for and an offer made to him that all the damaged cloth shall be delivered to him for account of the Owners, he paying for the same here at the Invoice price and the advance thereof left to the R^{t}; Honble: Company and owners which he doth not thinke fitt to accept. But the acco^{t}: not being signed by any belonging to y^{e}: Shipp. The warehousekeep^{r}: is ordered to produce the said account adjusted in the usuall forme.

The Paymaster reports the musters of ships Sidney 119 men and ship Madrasse frigot 56 men.

M^{r}: John Foquet rentall generall pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 363 : 18 fan^{s}: on account Quitt Rents &c^{a}.

Capt Thwaites acquainting that he cannot otherwise supply his ship wth: gunns & desireing us to spare him six or eight of about 20 cwt: w^{tt}.

There being guns enough in the Garrison to spare. It is ordered that six or eight be delivered to him he [paying for th]em Pag^{s}: four ℘ hundred w^{t}.

There being wine and other necessaries come upon ship Madrasse Merchant for severall persons in Bengall. It is ordered that upon paying of Custom they be Traversed aboard y^{e}: Sidney and carried to Bengall frieght free & that the warehousekeeper do give orders accordingly.

Capt: James Thwaites delivers a Paper wherein he acquaints us that his ship is unladen, and waits for further orders.

The Saltpetre being all unladen from the King William it is ordered that the saltpetre be put up into the same baggs, so as to make each bagg weigh two Bengall maund nett that the wast may be thereby adjusted and y^{t}: the same may be in a readinesse to be reladen. Such baggs as are defective to be taken off and new bagg'd.

Ordered that the warehousekeep^{r} in y^{e}: acco^{t}: of Europe Cloth sold enter the number of y^{e}: bales or pieces sold.

Ro : Braddyll.	Nat : Higginson.
Cha : Barwell.	Jo : Styleman.
Tho : Wright.	Will : Fraser.
M : Empson.	ffrancis : Ellis.
E: Tredcroft.	

M^{r}: George Lewis and Daniel Chardin pay into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: five thousand at Eight ℘ cent Interest ℘ annum for six months for which gave bill. 9

The following order was signed by the Govern^{r}: and Councill Viz^{t}.—

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Ordered that the warehousekeep^r: do deliver to the Mint all the Dollars remaining unsold and the Mint Master is ordered to coin the same into Rup^s.

ROGER BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRASER.
MATT EMPSON. FRANCIS ELLIS.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

This afternoon deliver'd Capt: William Gyfford his dispatch for Bengall and the Pacquett for the Agent &^ca; ship Senhor d' Remenda sailed for Bengall.

10 Deliver'd a Passe to ship Mamodee William Ryder Master bound on a trading voyage.

12 Ship Sidney sailed for Bengall.

MONDAY 12

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTENANT GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATT: EMPSON M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Tobacco farmers pay into the R^t: Honble: Compan^s: Cash Pag^s: 241: 24 fanams for one month Ending the 16th: June last.

Ordered that Pag^s: 125, be paid to Kittee Narrain being for one Bill drawn by the Govern^r: and Councill of ffort S^t: David dated the 7th: Instant as advised in their Generall Letter of ditto date.

Ordered that Eight thousand Pag^s: be sent to Fort: S^t: David on ship Madrasse frigot.

A Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 7th: Instant and an answer of this date read and approved.

M^r: William Fraser warehousekeeper pay^s: into the R^t: Honble: Companys Cash Pagodas fourteen hundred on acco^t: goods & Silver sold and M^r: Matthew Empson Land Customer Pag^s: four hundred twenty two on acco^t: Land Customs.

Ordered that Pag^s: five hundred be paid to M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

Auroras, Perpetuanoes fine & ordinary having not been sold of late in quantity as formerly. It is agreed that the warehousekeeper may abate the former prices to Pag^s: 37 ℘ piece for Aurora Pag^s: 12 Perpetuanoes fine and Pag^s: 7 Perpetuanoes ordinary sound pieces and may make proportionable abatements for such pieces as are dammaged.

The Paymaster is ordered to cause a pair of screws to be made for the better Embaleing especialy of brown cloth and in the meantime that a pair be borrowed for that purpose.

The Choultry Justices reporting that they cannot find sufficient evidence against the ffort S^t. David coiners for punishing them in such manner as the crime laid to their charge deserves. It is resolved that they be returned to Fort S^t: David by the Madrasse frigot to be punished there.

The Secretary is ordered to acquaint Captain Thwaites that wee are willing to furnish him w^th: men, so many as wee can procure or we can spare, but we strictly require him not to draw away men belonging to the Garrison, nor to give any private encouragement to such as shall offer their service.

RO: BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL. JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT. WLIL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON. FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.

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Ship Mahomodee William Ryder master sailed for Bengall. 13

Ship Eagle John Cockroft master arrived from York Fort and brought us 14
a Generall Letter from the Dep^y^: Governo^r^: & Councill dated 22nd May and copy of a L^r^: dated 22^d^ April sent by sloop Java w^th^: the severall other papers as ℘ List.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 15TH

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA

M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS	M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL	M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^: MATT: EMPSON	M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Generall Letters from York Fort dated the 22nd April and 22nd May by ship Eagle were read and the severall Depositions concerning y^e^: death of Simon a Christian slave boy of Lieutenant Alexander Delgarno for which he is sent a Prisoner in Irons on ship Eagle. The Import of which depositions is that the slave boy [fell] from a Galery and was bruised and the bruises adjudged by William Coote Surgeon to be the cause of the boys death. But there is no other evidence to prove that Lieutenant Delgarno threw the boy down but only James Leight saith that Lieutenant Delgarno said he had threatned the boy to beate him, to avoid w^ch^: the boy run away and so fell. And John Smalliedge saith that Lieutenant Delgarno quarrelling w^th^; him swore I will throw you out of the Galery as did my boy.

For the present It is ordered that M^r^: Barwell and M^r^: Tredcroft do examine M^r^: Delgarno concerning the death of his boy and report the same on Monday.

Ordered that the Mint Master do deliver back to the warehousekeeper two Chest of Dollars to be reserved for the west Coast.

The Hull of Ship King William having been surveyed severall times by the most experienced Commanders Carpenters and others who do all agree that the Hull is sound and there appearing a rational probability that the stores requisite for the ships voyage are procurable in due time. It is resolved that the ship be reladen w^th^: a full cargo equivalent to the former Cargo Vizt w^th^: such parts of the former Cargo as are fitt for Europe and the remainder to be supplyed w^th^: other goods of the same sorts and in case that the dammaged bales cannot be rewashed time enough [*lacuna*] day of [*lacuna*] that then instead thereof so many other Bales to be reladen as will make up the former numb^r^: 1,223 bales and the same method to be observed in for supplying the damaged Pepper, Gallingall &^ca^: [goods] so as to compleat the quantities and qualities so near as may be of those mentioned in y^e^: former Bill of Lading. But Capt Thwaites declaring he shall not have occasion for the whole quantity of redwood formerly Laden. It is ordered that so much thereof be sent aboard as he shall demand.

Ordered that Pag^s^: 3012: 12, fanams be paid to Capt. Thwaites he delivering an equivalent deposit w^th^: an assignment in the same manner as on the 28th: June last.

The Lieutenant Generall having observed that there was an undue delay in the Lading of ship King William in October last for England occasioned by Capt. Thwaites takeing so much time in the stowing away Pepper for the gaining of Tonnage and M^r^: Frasers undue compliance w^th^: Capt Thwaites therein, which he could not then prevent, thô often urged to both the dispat[ch] of her Lading. Doth therefore propound to the consideration of the Councill whether another person ought not to be appointed to mannage the Lading of ship King William as well for the foregoeing reason as for the following. Our dispatches and Pacquetts generally tarry for his Bill of Lading which must go in the Paquett, and he will sign no dispataches till the Bill of Lading is signed wherein he frequently delays either by neglect or for want of observing the orders so

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often inculcated for comparing Boatswains receipts wth : the Purser as goods are laden, for want of which if any mistake happens when they come to compare all at last, the re-examination of all spends much time. A late instance in ye : despatch of the Sidney for Bengall. The treasure was all laden on Wensday and Mr. ffrasers Bill of Lading ready written on Thursday and on Friday morning the generall letter and dispatch sent by the Secretary to be signed, when carryed to Mr. Fraser he ordered it to be brought to him when signed by the rest of the Councill, about noon it was carried to his chamber, but he being abroad was sent after him, but he did not sign, but ordered it to be brought to him when att home. The day thus spent till between four and five a clocke then the Bill of Lading came. The Pacquet was made up, and that and the dispatch delivered to Capt : Gyfford without his signing either the Generall Letter or dispatch.

It is resolved by majority that another person be appointed to lade Ship King William & Mr : Bradyll is chosen.

Mr : Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his account Sea Custom for the month of June last particulars Viz :

To Custom on goods Imported and Exported this month	Pa :	3035 :	11 :	74
To Ditto on grain	„	101 :	17 :	50
Anchorage	„	52 :	18 :	—
Tonnage	„	69 :	16 :	—
	Pag :	3258 :	27 :	2

And Mr : Matthew Empson Land Customer his account Land Custom for ditto month particulars Viz :

Choultrey Custome	Pa :	378 :	4 :	25
Trivelecane Custome	„	— :	4 :	—
Rubie Brokers	„	88 :	24 :	57
Cloth Brokers	„	7 :	32 :	5
	Pags :	474 :	29 :	7

And pays into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Pags : fifty one on that account.

Nat : Higginson.
Jo : Styleman.
ffrancis : Ellis.
Ro : Braddyll.
Cha : Barwell.
Tho : Wright.
M : Empson.
E : Tredcroft.

16 The following Order was signed by the Governr : & Councill Viz ;

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do cause a chest of Pillar Dollars to be laden on Ship Madrasse ffrigat for ffort St : David to be changed there into Dollars proper for the West Coast.

Nathl : Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

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This Evening Ship Madrasse Merchant sailed for ffort St: David.
Dispatched a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of yesterdays date.
In persuance of the Order of Consultation of the 15th: Instant received from Captain Thwaites his assignment dated this Day of the following Bulses Viz:

No. I MD valued in the list of Diamonds ...	Pa:	2000 : =
FS	„	700 : =
PD	„	360 : =
	Pags:	3060 : =

and the sume of Pags: three thousand & twelve in full of Pags: 6,500 mentioned in ye: agreement was thereupon paid him and the said Bulses put into the Cash chest.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY, 19TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR:
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

The Rentall Generall complaining that sev[erall] English Inhabitants in the Christian Town d[oe] refuse to pay their assessement to the Scaveng[ers] duty. It is ordered that the Marshall do attend the Rentall Generall when he desires it and assist him in distraining upon such as refu[se] to pay.

There appearing an inconvenience in Exposeing the Pawns taken by the Rent[all] [Genll:] for Quit rents and scavengers duty by Public sale by outcry Hee is ordered to cause the said pawns to be sold by valuation in ye: best manner he can, if the parties shall not red[eem] them within one moneth.

The Paymaster is ordered to provide stores [for] the West Coast according to a list now produced.

Ordered that Domingo Almeda a Portugueze be entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison.

Mr: Thomas Wright read his Paymastrs: accots: for the month of June last particulars Viz.

Charges Garrison	Pa:	914 : 32
West Coast	„	101 : 32
Charges Generall	„	660 : 22
Bencoolen Yatch	„	297 : 26
Charges Diett	„	282 : 18
Garrison Stores	„	1 : 30
Voyage to Trincomolay	„	8 : 27
Ship Olive branch	„	9 : 18
Factors Provisions	„	426 : 08
Fort St. David	„	1 : =
Vizagapatam	„	1 : —
Charges Extraordinary	„	7 : 15
Bengall	„	5 : =
Yegmore &ca Towns	„	: 18
Charges Merchandise	„	11 : 35
Fortifications & repairs...	„	73 : 33
Charges Cattle	„	12 : 32
Ship King Williams Cargo	„	121 : 33
	Pags:	2939 : 19

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Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Sea Custome.

Mr: Styleman produceing a Bill drawn the 22d April last by the Governr: & Councill of York Fort for one thousand dollars payable to himselfe which is advised in their Generall Letter. The same is ordered to be paid in specie by the warehousekeeper.

Hee allso demanding four hundred Dollars for a bill drawn in October last by Governr: &ca: of York Fort. But that the first Bill was sent by a sloop which hath miscarried and the second by a ship bound for Bengall. The York Fort Generall Letter to us dated ye: 26th Octobr 96 and their Consultation of the 26 October last and their Cash book for that month acknowledgeing the payment of said sume into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash and the drawing of said bill payable to Mr Styleman. The warehousekeeper is ordered to pay him the said sume.

Mr: Barwell and Mr: Tredcroft report the examination of Lieutenant Delgarno and his servant Mallay wch: with the evidence received from York Fort is ordered to be delivered to the Judge Advocate.

Mr: Dauson Gunners mate being lately Deceased, The Paymr: is ordered to take care of his effects & bring the produce thereof into the Rt: Honble: Comp: Cash (first deducting funerall charges) that the accot may be sent home by ye: next shipp.

CHA: BARWELL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT.	JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.	RO: BRADDYLL.

20 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 16th Inst.

THURSDAY 22ND

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT GENERALL OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATT: EMPSON	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Some of the rooms of the North Curtain being defective (the ffloors supported by one timber which in severall rooms are rotten.) The Paymaster is ordered to new floor such of the said rooms as cannot be otherwise repaired or supported fitt for habitation.

Ordered that Eight hundred twenty and two Pags: and sixteen fanams be paid to Messrs: John Styleman, Matt: Empson and Daniel Du Bois being for one Bill drawn the 29th: March last by the President and Councill of Surat, as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 10th: April 1697.

Mr: William Fraser read his warehouse accot for the month of June last and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: six hundred on accot stores sold.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Generall Letters from Bombay dated 10th April and from Anjengo dated 24th: June last read wherein the Comodore &ca: desire us to send them ye: following perticulars Viz.

An honest Dubash to assist them in settling the methods of a Cloth Investment at Cotata neare Cape Comerin.

Coolies to assist in Building or 10 [or] 12 slaves.

Three bales Perpet[s]: redd for Souldiers cloths.
Five Candy of Country Iron.
Bengall Match five or ten Candy.
One Smith and one Carpenter.

The Paymaster is ordered to provide the foregoeing that they may be in a readinesse to go by the next Boat or vessell that goes that way.

M[r]: Keleing having Petitioned the Courts that he may be cleared from his confinement there having been no cause shown.

It is resolved that the Attorney Generall do prefer a Bill against him in the Court of Admi[lty]: & prosecute the action, demanding y[e]: sev[ll]: sumes for w[ch]: he doth appear to be responsible by the Tonqueen Generall Books.

The Attorney Generall being at present sicke, It is ordered that M[r]: Addison do officiate *pro hac Vice.*

R: BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL.	JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.

E. TREDCROFT.

Ship Sedgwicke arrived in this road from Battavia.

The present Mast[r]: Lockere Watts reports that being on the 13th: May last at the Isle of Bally they sent the chief mate ashore w[th]: the Linguist[r]: the latter return'd on board w[th]: three Mallays for musters of goods and 4 mallays more comeing off in a Prow, were called aboard by Cap[t]: Dennett, where they had not been long but at a private signal they all drew their Cresses and stab'd y[e]: Cap[t]: the Doctor, Cooper, Boatswain and one Seaman and the Tandell and one Laskar who all dyed and severall other wounded Himselfe being wounded in his left hand and backe, but he escaped by jumping of the Decke and that some of the men who were at worke between Decks comeing up w[th]: arms they killed all the mallays, but perceiving severall prow's comeing off were forced to cutt two Cables and gett under saile proceeding for Batavia to gett an anchor and a Doctor to cure the wounded men, where the Dutch furnished them w[th]: a Doctor but refused an anchor which he procured of a private merchant. 22

M[r]: Edward Tredcroft pays into y[e]: R[t]: H[ble]. Companys Cash Pag[s]: two thousand five hundred at Interest at eight ℘ Cent ℘ ann: for three months and Cap[t]: Anthony Pennystone the like sume for 6 months for w[ch]: Bills given. 23

Sloop Quintus belonging to the Danes came into this road from Tringombar. 25

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 26

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT[T]: GEN[LL]: OF INDIA

M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN	M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER
M[R]: FRANCIS ELLIS	M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL
M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL	M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON	M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT

M[r]: Roger Braddyll read his account Coinage of silver received by ship Sidney being 80 Ingotts poiz Standard 855[lb.] [*torn*]: 10[dwt]: The nett produce whereof is Rupees 252233: 12 annoes.

Cap[t]: Lockere Watts Commander of ship Sedgwicke Presenting a list of stores necessary for y[e]: shipps repair and representing that the rudder is

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worm-eaten and loose and the sheathing wants to be repaired and filled before she can be fitt for a voyage, which cannot be done without being halled ashore.

Ordered that the Paymaster do provide the necessary stores, and that then the ship do proceed for Bengall or Vizagapatam to be repaired as shall be resolved the next Consultation day.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two hundred & fifty be advance'd to Raggina &^{ca}: washers whereof 50 is for new washers Employed in cureing the Merchants Cloth and Pag^{s} : 200 for the old washers who are wholly employed about the King Williams cargo.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : one hundred be paid to M^{r} : John Styleman, being for one bill dated the 15th : Instant drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t} : David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 16th : Instant.

M^{r} : William Fraser read his storekeep^{rs} : acco^{t} : for the month June last.

M^{r}: Chardin and Doctor Brown being sent for and demanded of them to produce M^{r} : Masson for whose appearance they had given bond the 15th May 1696 in one thousand Pag^{s} : But they both answered they knew not where he is, whereupon the bond being produced and the penalty demanded, M^{r} : Chardin declared he was ordered by M^{r} : Masson not to pay it except compelled and Doctor Brown doth declare that when hee signed the bond M^{r} : Chardin did assure him that he had sufficient effects of M^{r} : Massons in his hands to save them harme lesse.

It is ordered that the Bond (being jointly and severally) be put in suit in the Court of Admir^{ty} : against M^{r} : Chardin.

The Paymaster produceing D^{r} : Buckleys Bill of Drugs bought for the use Hospital for the months of May and June last amounting to Pag^{s} : 10: 2: 30. Hee is ordered to pay the same.

Discoursed concerning the settlement of a Trade at Pegu by a private stocke of subscribers and proposalls read and referred to further consideration.

RO : BRADDYLL.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
CHA : BARWELL.	JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.	WILL : FRASER.
M : EMPSON.	FFRANCIS : ELLIS.
E : TREDCROFT.	

THURSDAY 29TH No Consultation the Govr : being Indisposed.

31 Sloop Quintus belonging to the Danes sailed for Tringombar.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : LIEUT : GEN^{LL} : OF INDIA

M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN	M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : FRANCIS ELLIS	M^{R} : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R} : CHARLES BARWELL	M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R} : MATT : EMPSON	M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Lieutenant Generall pays into the R^{t} : H^{ble}: Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : three hundred being presented him by the Mint Braminies, who the last year made him the offer of two hundred Pag^{s} : but he deferred ye acceptance till the mint accounts were made up that he might understand whether their acco^{ts} : would allow such an expence wherein the mint^{rs} : being satisfied. Hee now received it and is about one ℘ mill upon Ten Lacque of rupees which have been coined in y^{e} : mint and may be a good introduction to the like abatement in the rate of coinage.

The 15th : Paragraph of the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Generall Letter by the Sampson dated the 20th : ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$ relating to the two daughters of M^{r} : Poirier Deputy Governour of S^{t} : Helena being considered wth : their present low circumstances.

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It is ordered that for their present relief, the Paymaster do pay them six Pag^s^: monthly till further order, which thô not half[e] sufficient for their maintenance, yet may encourage the Charity of those who are so disposed.

The Lieutenant Generall acquaints the Councill that Serapa &c^a^: Merchants having by their Contract of the 23^d^: November 1696 agreed to lay in a stocke of five thousand Pag^s^: which they made good in some short time and promised to lay in other five thousand Pag^s^: in January last which they omitting to doe in due time he summoned all the Merchants & laid before them two papers the purport of one being that the subscribers promised to pay in their shares of three thousand Pag^s^: then and their shares of Pag^s^: two thousand in three months. The other paper importing that the subscribers would not pay in their shares of the stocke. One of which papers he required them all to signe, whereupon they all signed to that wherein they promised to pay in all their shares in two paym^ts^: But thô the time is elapsed for the second payment yet severall of the Chief Merchants and others doe to this day refuse to pay in their shares of y^e^: first payment to the amount of above one thousand Pag^s^: some pretending sicknesse, some inability & others have absented themselves, whereof the following are Chief Merchants Viz^t^:

Rangia Chittee:	3	shares	absent.
Conde Moota:	3	,,	absent.
Namashewai Modelare:	3	,,	absent.
Servana	3	,,	
Berra Kisna	3	,,	sicke.

Resolved that if the said Chief Merchants shall not by the twentieth day of this month pay into the Joint Stocke their shares of said Pag^s^: three thousand, they shall forfiet to the joint stocke their shares therein to remaine as a perpetuall joint stocke for the use of the Joint Stocke Merchants for the time being employed in the Companys Investments. And that y^e^: Secretary do cause a note to be affixed on the Merch^ts^: Godown to that purpose in English and Jentue.

M^r^: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^t^: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s^: six hundred on acco^t^: goods sold.

Ordered that Pag^s^: six hundred be paid to M^r^: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^r^: George Carne desireing to be admitted an attorney in the Court of Admiralty and the Mayors Court. The Secretary is ordered upon his payment of five Pag^s^: into the R^t^: Honble: Comp^s^: Cash to signifie to the respective Courts our approveall.

Ordered that Thomas de Gosse Anton^o^: Dir^o^: and Lazerus deCruce be entertained to serve in this Garrison as Souldiers and Francis d'Cruce Armenian in the Gunroome.

The Paymaster is ordered to pay Capt: Cockroft Mast^r^: of Ship Eagle for the Passage and Diett of Lieutenant Alexander Delgarno and his necessaries being sent by order of the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort Pag^s^: 18 : 24 and place the same to account of Priaman Settlement.

Ordered that the warehousekeep^r^: do lade on ship Sedgwicke so much of the cotton bought for the Vizagapatam Merchants as the ship can take in. There appearing a necessity of takeing up more money at Interest for the carrying on our own Investments and supplying ffort S^t^: David and Vizagapatam. It is resolved that any sume or sumes of money be taken not exceeding Ten thousand Pag^s^: at Eight ℔ Cent Interest ℔ an̄ for six months or under.

Ordered that Pag^s^: three thousand be paid to Serapa &c^a^: Joint Stocke Merchants in further part of their Contract dated 22^d^: April and 7th June last.

The Merchants having made an offer to the Lieutenant Generall for takeing off all y^e^: damaged cloth by the Sidney and Madrasse Merch^ts^: & to deliver the amount

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of Callicoes. The warehousekeep^{r}: is ordered to lett them view every perticular piece & acquaint them wth: the valuation in order to ye contracting for y^{e}: same.

RO: BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL.	JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILL: FRASER.
M. EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E. TREDCROFT.	

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 29th past.

3 M^{r}: John Afflecke pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag: four thousand at Interest at Eight ℘ cent ℘ annum for six months for which gave Bill.

4 Ship Sedgwicke Lockere Watts Commander sailed for Vizagapatam by whome sent a Generall Letter to the Chief dated this day.

Capt: Thwaites adviseing the Governour by a note y^{t}: two men belonging to ship King William, who had leave to come ashore for recovery of their health and prety well recovered, being ordered to go on board were run away and desireing Peons might be sent out after them. The Governour accordingly ordered 20 Peons to go in their search, who all returned this Evening without finding them.

THURSDAY 5TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA

M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}:	M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL	M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON	M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

There being a ship now in this road bound for Acheen the Lieutenant Generall doth ℘duce a letter received from M^{r}: Francis Delton dated the 22^{d}: February last wherein he intimates his designe of repairing to Fort S^{t}: George in January next wth: two ships for which he desires Passes may be sent him and the question being putt whether passes shall be sent him, It is resolved that two blanke Passes be sent for his two ships to M^{r}: William Soames, to be filled up by him & delivered to M^{r}: Delton upon M^{r}: Deltons paying him the usuall fees. And that the Passes run for the ships bound from Acheen for Fort S^{t}: George.

M^{r}: John Afflecke pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: four thousand at Interest at Eight ℘ cent ℘ annum for which bill given payable at six months. And M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft of Pag^{s}: one thousand att Eight ℘ cent for three months.

M^{r}: Empson produces a List of goods belonging to M^{r}: Masson found in M^{r}: Crokes house and deliver'd by him to M^{r}: Chardin in persuance of the order of Consultation of the 27th May last. Allso M^{r}: Chardins receipt for the same.

Generall Letter to Anjengo of this date read and approved.

RO: BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL.	JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.	WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.	FRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.	

Delivered the Nocqueda of a Chuliars ship bound for Acheen a Letter of this date directed to M^{r}: William Soame Incloseing two Blanke Passes for M^{r}: Deltons ships, as ordered by yesterdays Consultation.

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Received Generall Letters from the Chiefe & Councill dated the 30th: June and 5th: and 14th: July last wth: copys of their Letter dated the 25th: June and of their Diary & Consults: from the 24th: June 1697 to the 12th: July ditto. Allso a Pacquett from the Agent and Councill of Bengall containing their Generall Letter dated the 24th: May last wth: the severall other papers according to list. The generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 5th: July mentioning to have sent by the same Peons two Pacquets. One for his Excellency &ca. at Bombay and ye: other for the President & Councill of Surat, neither of which being received, the Peons were examined concerning them who informe that they were dispatched by Peons directly from thence. And a Generall Letter from Capt: William Erle Commander of Ship Sampson giveing an accot: of his ships strikeing upon a sand goeing up the River by which she had received so much damage that he should be forced to carry her into a Docke for repair, which he questions not but to performe in due time to proceed for England.

8. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated ye: 3rd: Instant. 8

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 9TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQ : LIEUT : GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR:	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATT: EMPSON	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

There having been for seven years past a cont[ention] between the two Talliars Airingapa Naigue and Timapa Naigue for the precedency wch: notwithstanding frequent endeavours cannot be accommadated in [so] long a time, neither of them being content with a partition or subjection wch hath occasioned frequent quarrels between them and their men, both here and in other towns adjacent, and in order to reduce them to an agreement the Talliars money hath been long stopped paid into the secretary and kept apart in the Cash Chest. Out of which an allowance of fifty Pags: ℔ mensem had been for some time given Timapa Naigue for the maintenance of his watching [Peons] to balance the other who was the richer, but that [not] having the desired effect was taken from him, and having no otherway sufficient to maintain his [stand] hath lately under pretence of a marriage with[drew] himselfe to Trivetore and seeks a livelyhood by exacting upon the Inhabitants of that & other Towns. On Saturday the 7th in the evening Airingapa Na[igue] acquainting the Governour that Timapa Naigue had put one of his men in Irons and bound four at [Trivetore]. He sent a Peon to call Timapa Naigue and on [the 8th:] in the morning Airingapa Naigue sent word that three or four of Timapa Naigues Peons being gone in the night from hence for Trivetore he sent peo[ple] to stop them and had taken away their Daggers. The Governour caused those four men to be brought to him and caused their Daggers to be restored them. And ordered one of them to goe and call Timapa Naigue, [&] ordered Airingapa Naigue not to meddle with any of Timapa Naigues people. In tho evening Timapa Naigue sent word that he would come to day. This morning Airingapa Naigue advises that Timapa Naigue has robbed two more of his servants & [made] them prisoners at Trivetore and desired leave to [goe] and punish Timapa Naigue, but the Governour Ordered him to be quiet. In a few hours after one of [our] Peons brought word that one of those servants of Airingapa Naigues is killed.

Ordered that Emanuel Alius be Entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison.

The Lieutenant [Generall read] his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month July last the balance being Pags: 7,265: 28: 5, and Thomas

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Wigmore Secretary his acco^t: of Passes for ditto month and pays into the R^t: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s: 2:24, on that account.

Generall Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 30th: June 5th: and 14th: July read.

Ordered that the following goods be bought to be sent to Vizagapatam by the Madrasse frigot in persuance of their request in their forementioned and former letters besides the Cotton bought for the Merchants and the Lead continued on board S^d: Ship. Viz.

Tutenague	50	Candy.
Tinn	30	
Sandall	10	
Pepper	50	
Copper	10	

Rosewater good 2 or 3 chests.

And that the following be sent out of the godown stores Viz^t:.

Aurora	4	Bales Damaged
Broad cloth ordinary ...	10	
Perpetuan^s: Ordinary red ...	1	
Country Powder	3	Candy.
Pag^s:	3,000.	
Rupees	5,000.	

Ordered that M^r: Fraser and M^r: Barwell do buy the forementioned goods and that Pag^s: 3,500 be paid them now out of Cash for that purpose.

M^r: William Fraser storekeeper pays into the R^t: H: Companys Cash Pag^s: one thousand on acco^t: stores sold.

Generall Letter from the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 27th May and from Capt Erle dated the 27th: and 28th: of May were read and answer of this date to the Bengall Generall read and approved. And it is ordered that all the Madrasse Rupees (except the five thousand before ordered for Vizagapatam) now coined, being about 25,000 be sent to Bengall by ship Eagle John Cockroft Master at $\frac{3}{4}$ ℔ cent frieght wi^th: what rarities in the godown which M^r: Braddyll shall thinke proper.

M^rs: Pitt desireing that the salary payable in England to M^r. Benjamin Northey M^r: Thom^s: Wavell and M^r: John Pitt (the accounts whereof were formerly delivered to M^r. Pitt but lost in the Princesse) may be drawn out to send to her husband. The accomptant is ordered to draw out the same. Also the acco^t: of salary due to M^r: Daniel Gyfford deceased for the time he served the R^t: Honble: Company at Siam Conimere and Fort S^t: George.

M^r. Cheesly who came out upon the Sampson having requested leave to go down to Bengall from thence to proceed for England and it appearing y^t: he came out by the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: order, and that he is unfitt for their service in India as by former Consultations. It is therefore resolved that an order be given to Captain James Thwaites Commander of ship King William (when he is ready to saile) to carry him as a Passenger for England on the Charterparty account.

Resolved that Verona be chief Peon in the room of Ranga deceased and that Ranga's son being about Eighteen years of age and at present uncapable to succeed his father, be placed in the list of Peons third next to Rama Sing head of the Rashboots.

Ordered that Manuel Correa be at his request discharged from this garrison having serv'd 25 years.

Generall Letter to his Excellency the Generall &^c: at Bombay dated the 7^t Instant read and approved.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	R: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHAS: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.	M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.	

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Delivered a Passe to ship Eagle John Cockr oft mast[r]: bound to Bengall. 10

Ship Eagle John Cockroft master sailed for Bengall by whom sent a 12
Generall Letter to the Agent &c: dated the 9th Instant Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for treasure &c: laden of said ship &c: papers as ℘ List.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 12

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[L]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]:	LIEUTEN[T]: GENERALL: OF [INDIA]
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN	M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER
M[R]: FRANCIS ELLIS	M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL
M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL	M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATHEW EMPSON	M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Charles Ryley having presented a petition and an [acco[t]:] wherein he demands two hundred and sixteen Dollars for salary at the West Coast unpaid and other om[issions] in the Generall Books. It is resolved that y[e]: [same] be referred to the examination and a report of [the] Deputy Governo[r]: and Council of York Fort.

The warehousekeep[r]: acquaints that of a [℘ cell] of cloth brought by the merchants from Fort St. David washed, there are some pieces torne, con[cerning] which Serapa being examined, declares that [as the] said cloth was delivering out, he acquainted [M[r]:] Hutchinson that there was torne cloth & would have taken it out but M[r]: Hutchinson would [have all to be carried . . . . . .] M[r]: Hutchinson declares] that he found 22 pieces by accident the cloth not having been examined. It is ordered that M[r]: Tredcroft do with the warehousekeeper examine the whole parcell of cloth and make a report of its condition.

M[r]: Fraser upon signing the last Consultation declares his dissent against Verona's being approv'd Chief Peon but neither now, nor in former Consultations when each of the Councill were desired to consider of a fitt person, doth he thinke fitt to name another person.

The Boxes containing books, papers & letters sent by the King William in October last being now opened before the Councill, to see whether they had received any dammage and upon view found to have received none, were immediately made up again without any diminution.

The Governour acquainting that he hath sent three times to call Timapa Naigue & by his last message gives this reason for his withdrawing Viz[t] want of money to maintain himselfe and Peons, and declares his intention to be [to] draw out Airingapa Naigue that they [may] meet and fight and then one of [them would] dye and the other enjoy y[e]: benefitt of the place. It is thereupon debated what method is to be taken.

1st: Whether wee shall take any notice of the quarrel, or suffer them to act as they please.

2nd: Whether to Order Airingapa Naigue to goe and bring him in by force.

3[dly]: Or to send some person to discourse w[th]: Timapa Naigue in order to an accommodation.

It appears plain that they are both inclined to decide the controversy by fight Timapa Naigue offering that hard usage to Airingapa Naigues men on purpose to provoke him, which Airingapa Naigue resents as a disgrace that he can't bear and hath frequently desired the Gov[r]: leave to goe and right himselfe and he now earnestly desires and nothing keeps him quiet but y[e]: hope of obtaining the chief place at last.

But if Airingapa Naigue shall go out w[th]: his people which are about 300 here and near, the other will call his friends to his assistance (having not above 150) and that will oblige the other to call in the assistance of his friends allso as

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is usual among the Polligars by wch means probably a small army of Polligars may be drawn near this Place the consequences whereof cannot be foreseen but ought to be prevented if they can and the rather because the Nabob hath for a long expressed himselfe disgusted and would probably be glad of such an occasion to renew his unreasonable demands.

It is ordered that the following writeing be given by the Governr: in order to an accom̃odac̃on Lett Timapa Naigue and Airingapa Naigue look after the watching businesse together wth: each One Hundred Peons. I will pay each forty Pags: a month. Therefore lett Timapa Naigue set those people free which he hath taken hold off, which was not well done and then lett him come in safety, Lett them both signe a writeing to stand to the determination of me and the Councill or of their own cast people, and then they may doe their duty and enjoy the accustomary priviledgs: according to the award.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to the Commodore & Councill at Anjengo dated the 5th: Instant, Incloseing a Generall Letter for the Generall and Councill at Bombay dated the 5th: and 7th: Instants.

14 The Chambers frigot Capt: Thomas South Commandr: arrived in this road from Bombay by whom recd: a Generall: Letter from his Excellency &ca: Councill at Bombay dated 24th: July last &ca: papers according to List.

SATURDAY [14TH] ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDRY:

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT:-GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Generall Letter from Bombay dated 24th: July recd: by the Chamber frigot read, said letter adviseing that there are 56 Bales of Cotton on board which they leave to us to continue for Bengall, or to sell it here sending them the produce thereof.

The price of Cotton in Bengall not exceeding six or seven Rupees a Bengall maund as wee are informed, and the price here may probably be about twenty Pags: a Candy. It is resolved that the Cotton be unladen with all expedition and that three thousand rupees be sent in the stead thereof to Bengall, being judg'd near the amount: and that so soon as the Cotton shall be unladen, the ship be dispatched.

15 In order to which the Capt: was ordered to ℘duce a list of what frieght goods he hath for this Place.

RO.: BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
CHA: BARWELL. JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT. WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 16TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON M^{R}: EDWARD: TREDCROFT

The Arracfarmers pay into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: two Hundred sixty-six and twenty-four fanams, being for two months on that account.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: Sea Customs.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright read his Paymast^{rs}: account for the month July last perticulars Viz^{t}:

Charges Garrison ...	Pa.	972 : 4
Charges Generall ...	„	477 : 26
Charges Merchandise	„	17 : 25
Charges Cattle ...	„	26 : 12
Charges Diett ...	„	282 : 14
Garrison Stores ...	„	1 : 33
Factors Provisions	„	194 : 11
Fort St. David	„	1 : 01
Vizagapatam factory	„	1 : ...
Fortifications & Repairs ...	„	108 : 16
Ship King Williams Cargo	„	171 : 3
Charges Extraordinary ...	„	4 : 32
	Pag^{s}:	2,258 : 33

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Land Customer read his account of Land Customs for the month of July particulars Viz^{t}:

Choultry Custom ...	Pag^{s}:	383 : 28 ...
Triblecane Custom ...	„	... : 02 ...
Rubie Brokers ...	„	50 : 23 : 67
Cloth Brokers ...	„	15 : 7 : 33
Fines ...	„	93 : ... : ...
	Pag^{s}:	542 : 25 : 20

And pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: five hundred and forty on that account.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: five hundred & forty be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymast^{r}: for defraying charges Garrison.

Generall Letter to the Agent & Councill of Bengall of this date read and approved.

Discoursed concerning the affairs of y^{e}: West Coast. The Polligar Timapa Naigue and severall reports concerning Berra Timapa's propounding to the Nabob the besieging of this Place, having lately sent and received presents from the Nabob.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO.: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

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17 Hojee Abdulla Dooraugee pays into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Cash Pag[s]: two thousand at Interest at Eight ℘ Cent ℘ annum for six months for which Bill given.

Received the following Generall Letters Viz[t]: from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated 15th: July from the Agent & Councill of Bengall dated 12th: June and from Cap[t]: Erle Comm[r]: of Ship Sampson of ditto date and from the President & Councill of Surat dated the 7th: June & 2nd: July last w[th]: the severall other papers according to the lists.

TUESDAY 17

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD[RY]

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[L]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUTENANT GEN[LL]: OF INDIA

M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN	M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER
M[R]:	M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL
M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL	M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON	M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Generall Letters from Bengall, Surat & Vizagapat[m]: and from Captain: Erle read. Allso answers to the Agents &c[a]: and to Captain Erles letters of this date read and signed, to be sent by the Chambers frigot.

Ordered that the Cotton received by the Chambers frigot be sold at Publick outcry on Monday the 23rd: Instant by M[r]: Barwell and M[r]: Wright, who are to take care to affix notes on the Sea Gate to give notice thereof in the English, Jentu and Malabar Languages.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO.: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship Chamber frigot sailed for Bengall by said Ship sent Generall Letters to the Agent &c[a]: dated 16 & 17 Inst: and the Pacquett rec[d]: from Bombay for the Agent &c[a].

THURSDAY 19TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[L]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT. GEN[LL]: OF INDIA.

M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN.	M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER.
M[R]: FRANCIS ELLIS.	M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL.
M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL.	M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT.
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON.	M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M[r]: William Fraser read his warehouse acco[ts]: for the month July last.

Ordered that the accomptant draw out an Acc[t]: Curr[t]: and Journal parcells w[th]: Surat Presidency from April 1694.

The Generall Letter last received from Bombay being againe read, and M[r]: Barwell discoursed concerning his proceeding for Persia, defers giveing his answer till the next Consultation day. And the consideration of the clause relating to M[r]: Fraser allso referred till then.

The warehousekeeper acquainting that there is about 100 Candy of redd Earth in the Godowne. The same is ordered to be sold on Monday next w[th]: the Cotton.

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The Accomptant acquainting that he hath deferred the Balancing of our Generall Books Ending April last in expectation of the accounts of Profit and losse from Vizagapatam and Fort St: David. Hee is ordered not to stay no longer for said accounts, but finish the Books that they may goe home by Ship King William.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his Account Sea Custome for the month July last particulars Vizt:

To Custom of Goods Imported & Exported this month	Pa.	899 : 13 : 28
To Ditto on Grain	,,	133 : 21 : 55
Anchorage	,,	40 : ... : ...
Tonnage	,,	16 : 24 : ...
	Pags :	1089 : 22 : 5

Translate of a letter from Hossein Cawn to the Lieutenant Generall, desireing that all ye: goods accounts &ca: of his ship Nugdee may be taken from his Nocqueda Mahomod Baker and that his ship and Nocqueda may be sent to him, which Letter is referred too in the last Surat Generall, which desires us to give Hossein Cawn all assistance, because he had formerly suffered by the takeing of the said ship, and had never been troublesome as others were.

Ordered that Mr: Wright, Mr: Empson and Mr: Pearson do take care of this businesse, according to the request of the said Hussein Cawn. The Lieutenant Generall having allready called severall Moormen and Armenians to give [them] advice and employed four of them to see and attest the account of the goods &ca: as received from the Nocqueda.

Ordered that Pags two hundred be paid to Raggina &ca: washermen for curing the Rt Honble Companys Cloth.

CHA : BARWELL.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
THO : WRIGHT.	JO : STYLEMAN.
M : EMPSON.	WILL : FRASER.
E : TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS ELLIS.

SATURDAY 21ST

The following order was signed by the Lieutenant Generall and Councill Vizt.

Hodjee Mahomod Allee having sent ye Nabobs Perwanna for payment of the Town rent due in June last. It is ordered that twelve Hundred Pags be paid him, and one piece of Broad cloth Ordinary be given Hojee Mahomd Allee and three yards of Broad Cloth Ordinary to his servant as customary upon that occasion.

ROGER BRADDYLL.	NATHL: HIGGINSON.
CHARLES BARWELL.	JOHN : STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.	WILLIAM FRASER.
MATT : EMPSON.	FRANCIS ELLIS.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.	

MONDAY 23RD

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQ., LIEUTENT: GENERALL OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN.	MR: WILLIAM FRASER.
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS.	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL.
MR: CHARLES BARWELL.	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT.
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Charles Barwell declares his acceptance of the station appointed him by the Rt: Honble Compa in Persia, and his intention of proceeding thither by the next ship which is the Loyall Captain bound for Bombay and Persia.

M : William Fraser read his storekeepers accot for the month July last.

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The Clause in the Bombay Generall Letter dated the 24th July relating to Mr: Fraser was read again and Mr: Fraser being thereupon asked what he had to say concerning it, doth declare that he will not argue upon any point that shall be debated, nor make exceptions provided it is entred in the body of the Consultation that this done by majority or that he dissented.

The question being thereupon put, whe[ther] this ought to be esteemed the submission and reformation injoined by that letter. And Mr: Fraser being advised by some of Councill [to] acknowledge his error. Hee doth disown [to] have been in an error, but acted according to his conscience.

It is the unanimous opinion, that he doth neither submit himselfe, nor give such hopes of reformation as is required by the Letter.

The question being put whether Mr: Fraser ought to be suspended or not.

It is resolved that in persuance of ye: Order in the said Generall Letter dated the 24th July 1697. Mr: William Fraser be suspended from acting as one of this Councill and that he deliver the charge of the Godowne unto the persons thereunto appointed, so soon as the businesse of the ship King William will permitt.

Resolved that Mr: Ellis take charge of the Callico Godown and Goods for Europe and of ye: Lading and unlading of ships, except the Lading of the King William which Mr: Braddyll is allready ordered to doe.

That Mr: Braddyll take charge of ye: Europe etc., goods for sale. That Mr: Thomas Wright be Sea Customer. Mr: Matthew Empson Paymr and Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Customr and that they commence their respective employm[ts] from the last of this present month of August. That Mr: Ellis, Mr: Tredcroft & Mr: Mead be sorters.

Mr: Braddyll read his mint account of the Coinage of three Chest Dollars received by the Madrasse frigot pz 10476 oz. : 13 dwt., The nett produce whereof is Rupees 25,285 : 12 as. Hee allso acquaints that the minters are accountable for 92 lb. : 6 oz. : 14 dwt. : 5 gr.

Resolve[d that the Lading of ship King William] be compleated by the 15th: day of September next.

Ordered that the clause of the Bombay Letter relating to Mr: Fraser be entred after this Consultation and that a copy of this Consultation be sent to ye Generall by the next oppertunity.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
CHAS: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Paragraph of a Generall Letter from his [Excy] the Generall &ca: Councill at Bombay dated the 24th July 1697.

Wee are much concerned at the peruseal [of your] Consultations to see that so muc[h of your time should] be so unnecessarily spe[nt through] (as it appears to us) a contentious humour that has possest Mr: Fraser, who makes a great deal to do about wee know not what; He doth indeed very unbecoming and very abusively reflect on the Lieutenant Generall and severall of the Councill as if they were a faction sett up to destroy the Rt: Honble Companys interest, and yet wee can't tell what he has to charge them with, he would have all to believe that he has some great designe fully ripe to serve our masters interest only he wants fitt persons at the head of affairs too communicate it too, supposeing the Generall Lieutenant Generall and Councills not worthy to be intrusted wth this great secret what can be the most modest and most charitable constructions of these reflections, but that the Rt: Honble Company have made choice of such persons in the

above stations as are not fitt to be intrusted one hour longer with the mannagement of their affairs, but ought to be dismissed immediately to make way for Mr: Fraser to mount that so a seasonable time may commence for the discovery of those things that will be so benificiall. Wee have indeed seriously considered of what has unprofitably taken up your time, and expected to have found something at last that might have given us some satisfaction, but wee must declare that wee have received none from Mr: Fraser and therefore find ourselves under a necessity for the prevention of further mischief to be of [ye:] Lieutenant Generalls, President Hatsells Mr: Styleman, Mr: Barwells and Mr: Wright opinion, that if Mr: Fraser will not be admonish[ed] but proceed in his obstinate way of distracting your Councills and countenancing a faction (as it seems to us he doth) that tis not consistent wth: the Rt: Honble: Companys intrest in generall nor wth the peaceable Government of Madrasse that he should act any longer wth you in Councill but be suspended and wee order you to suspend him *if* he doth not submitt and reforme.

The Lieutenant Generall sent for Captain Thwaites and acquainted him wth: 24
ye: resolution of Councill yesterday for compleating the Lading of his ship by the 15th September next, that he might take due care for getting his ship in a readinesse.

Delivered a Passe to Ketch Sta Rosa Augustin Hart Owner and Master bound 25
for Pegue.

Ship Diamond Henry Laurence Mastr arrived from Persia by whom received a Generall Letter from Mr: Benjamin Stacey dated the 25th June 1697 wth: copies of severall papers relating to ship London seized by the Arrabs.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 26TH

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQ., LIEUT: GENLL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATT: EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Accomptant produces a list of the balance of severall accots: in the Generall Books. The same are ordered to be cleared as followeth Viz.

By Profitt and losse.

Accot: Differences being for wast of sugar, Allum, Tootanague, Copperas, Bettellas, Officers and Souldiers and Brimstone brought from old books	...	P 1483 : 7 : 5
Nelluna &ca: Bricklayers Dead and desparate	...	89 : 5 : 0
Paupia powder maker ditto	...	16 : 14 : 1
Redwood Merchants ditto	...	248 : 20 : 0

By Accot Currt London.

Daniel Gyfford Deceased	...	126 : 29 : 2
Robert Levison gone to England	...	12 : 31 : 3
Capt: Thom: Walthrop dd & his wife gone home	...	77 : 13 : 0
Ralph Lampton dd in Siam	...	35 : 15 : 5

By Rent & Revenues.

Robert Cranwell allowed for charges when Collector of Quitt Rents	...	20 : 28 : 0

Att the reading of the Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company by ship Sidney dated the first July 9[6] the 4th: Paragraph relating to Mr: John Gray's Debt, Mr:

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Fraser having been then required to give his answer, but not having yet given any. The Secretary is ordered to acquaint him that his answer thereunto is required on monday next.

It is resolved that Mr: John Foquett the Rentall Generall be appointed allso Surveyor of the Houses Grounds and Gardens belonging to this Citty and the Liberties thereof in order to the framing of a perfect Register. To begin at one End and so go on from house to house till he hath gone thorough all measureing the ground belonging to every House; Examining and registring the Titles of ye: Possessors. But the perticular directions for proceeding therein are referred to further consideration.

Mr: Delgarno presenting a petition (as Entred in the Copy booke of Letters) for wages due to himselfe as Lieutenant at the West Coast and pay for his child. It is resolved that ye: following answer be given him Vizt:

As for his own wages, it doth not appear that there is any due to him since his suspension at York Fort, the York Fort Consultations of those times having miscarried, but when they come to hand that matter may be further considered, And as for his childs pay he has often demanded it from his first goeing to the West Coast, but it has been allwaies denyed him, because he had other sufficient allowances.

Ordered that Pag: Eight hundred be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymr: for defraying charges Garrison.

The Balance of Cash and the severall sudden occasions for it being considered. It is ordered that four or five thousand Pags: more be taken at Eight per cent Interest.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

27 Ship George Henry Harnett master arrived from Persia.

SATURDAY 28TH Mrs: Mary Large pays into the Rt: Honble: Comp: Cash Pag: five hundred at Eight ℘ Cent Interest ℘ annum for six months for which bill given.

29TH Ship Madrasse Merchant arrived from ffort St: David by said ship received a Generall Letter dated the 26th: Instant. Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for what laden on board her.

MONDAY 30TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN. MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL. MR: CHARLES BARWELL.
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT. MR: MATT: EMPSON.
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Mr: Fraser cause the goods & returned chest Dollars now brought from fort St: David by the Madrasse frigot to be unladen and the goods designed for the West Coast and Vizagapatam to be laden on board and bring the same into this months accot:

Capt: Prickman delivering us a paper (as Entred after this Consultation) and allso acquainting us that he wants a months time for trimming his Caske an answer thereunto was agreed and order'd to be entred after said paper.

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Ordered that Pag^{s}: one Hundred be advanced by the Paymaster to the mucquawmen as usual for repairing their Mussula's.

M^{r}: William Fraser pays into the R^{t}: H^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: four Hundred on acco^{t}: goods sold out of the warehouse.

M^{r}: John Affleck a merchant Inhabitant of this Place, delivers Copies of Letters recieved from the Supra Cargo and master of ship London belonging to him taken by the Arrabs of Muscat in May last wth: his paper requesting that means may be used for the recovery thereof.

Resolved that this matter be represented to his Excellency the Generall in our next Letters and Copy thereof remitted to him, and that the same be entred in the copy book of Letters rec^{d}:

Timapa Naigue having been frequently ordered to come into Town, but he still delaying or avoiding and keeping his men together at Trivetore and from thence troubling the adjacent Town's. It is resolved that the Lieutenant Generall do write one more letter to him requireing his comeing to Town within five days or else to forfiet all his pretensions to the Naigue Ship.

Generall Letter to York Fort dated the 20th: Instant to Paragraph the 26th: read.

M^{r}: Fraser produceing some papers relating to M^{r}: John Grays Debt to the R^{t}: Honble : Comp: He was desired to state the same in writeing.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON
LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

May it please yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}:

It being now 12 months since I came from the last Port in England, have expended y^{e}: greatest part of our Salt provisions, and had lbs. 5000 Bread spoiled in the storme, so that now wee have not above five months provisions on board, & understanding that your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: designe our ship im̃ediately for Vizagapatam and from thence to the West Coast of Sumatra, as 'tis my duty to take care for provisions for my men (who will want at least six months more) which considering the latenesse of the year cannot stay long enough at Vizagapatam to procure without great hazard of the ship by the monsoon, and your Hon: &c^{a}: are very sencsable there is none procurable at the West Coast, so I humbly offer the same to your Hon^{r}: &c^{as}: consideration being

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Your Hon: &c^{as}:
Most obedient serv^{t}:
BENJ^{A}: PRICKMAN.

TO CAP^{T}: BENJ^{A}: PRICKMAN COM^{R}: OF
SHIP MADRASSE FRIGOT.

Whereas you have this day deliver'd us a paper acquainting us that you have but five months salt provisions, and that for your homeward bound voyage you

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shall want six months provisions more which cannot be procured at Vizagap^tm^: because the ship cannot stay there long enough by reason of the approaching monsoon. You have also acquainted us that you have but five Ton of Caske on board fitt for service, and the rest wants new heading or triming which will take up a months time for one Cooper. In answer to which wee promise to give you all the assistance in our power for procuring Provisions & getting your Cask trimmed, which may be done part here & part at Vizagapatam and the rest at the West Coast. But wee must acquaint you that the R^t^: Honble: Comp^s^: affairs do require that yor: ship proceed for Vizagapatam and from thence to the West Coast of Sumatra with about 25 Passengers whereof wee give you this notice now (thô you have been long agoe acquainted therewith) and consequently might have made a more certaine provision for salt meat and the trimming of your Caske) that you may order your ships affairs accordingly, and that you may have the more time for trimming your Caske and salting meat, wee shall deferr the dispatching you till Tuesday the 7th: of September beyond which time it is not convenient that your ship stay. Wee are

Your loving friends

NATH^L^: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

SEPTEMBER 1ST Delivered a Passe to ship Elephant Domingo de Sosa master bound to Pegu.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to his Excellency y^e^: Generall at Bombay dated this day. Incloseing severall papers deliver'd by M^r^: John Afflecke relating to his ship London seized by the Arrabs of Muscatt.

THURSDAY 2ND ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUTEN^T^: GENERALL OF INDIA

M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R^:
M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL — M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Ordered that Manuel Rodriguez an Europe Portugu[ez] be Entertained as a Souldier in this Garrison.

Ordered that Pag: three thousand be paid to the Merchants in further part of their Contract dated the 22nd April and 7th: June 1697.

It being noted in Consultation the 28th June last that the merchants had then brought in 140 bales brown goods and did undertake to bring 200 more by the latter end of August. And the Merchants on the 13th past having produced an account of cloth brought in by them to the amount of 280 bales. Since which they have allso brought in considerable quantities from Fort S^t^: David and these

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parts but there having been two hundred washers constantly Employed in the curing the King Williams damaged cloth. There hath been but a small part of the Merchants cloth yet washed or Embaled, which not being their fault we thinke it just to acquit them from said promise of delivering the said two hundred bales Embaled.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: nine hundred on acco^{t}: Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : nine hundred be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paym^{r}: for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that twenty five Chest Shirash wine two chest rosewater and one chest vineager bee bought for stores.

The Nabob being lately returned from his victory over Tanjore &c^{a}: to Wandewash and since his returne taken old Chingee and being about marying. It is thought a convenient time to send him a Present and the rather because our frequent advices and reports from severall parts, of the Nabobs designe to send an army to vissit the Sea Coast and hath now sent Alle bux his own servant to be Chief Junkanneer and renter of the Pullamullee Countrey who doth allready discover his intentions to be troublesome pretending special orders from the Nabob.

Resolved that a present be forwith sent him to the value of one thousand Pag^{s} : and two hundred Pag^{s} : for Wottomchund Emaum Cooley &c^{a}: Officers to be made up out of such goods for presents as are in the godowns proper which if not sufficient what wanting to be bought by Mr. Wright & Mr. Empson.

A petition from the Arrac farmers read complaining of injuries done them by M^{r}: Monke in accounts, It is referred to the Justices of the Choultrey to examine and adjust their accot^{s}: and cause satisfaction to be made by y^{e}: persons that have wronged their Partners.

The affairs of the West Coast having been often discoursed and particularly the York Fort Generall letter of the 22^{d} of April wherein they give an account of some jealousies & disturbances among the Raja's and Proarteens and of a faction there, which appears for the old Emperors cause which occasioned the Deputy Gov^{rs}: proceeding to the Northward wth: a Company of souldiers, upon which ensued acts of Hostility, wherein he had very ill successe, and it allso appearing that there is misunderstandings between the R^{t}: H^{ble}: Comp^{s}: servants of Priamong and York Fort & that affairs in Generall are run into great disorder. It is necessary that some fitting person be sent thither to supervise and resettle affairs, and there being none among the R: Hon: Comp: servants that have been acquainted wth: the Customs of the Malays. M^{r}: William Soames now resident at Acheen having been for many years known to us all, of approved honesty and ability and experienced in the Customs and Language of the Malays wth: whom he hath for many years conversed and lived in Queda and Acheen.

It is resolved that he be appointed Supravisor of the West Coast by Commission of the same tennor of that given to M^{r}: Barwell, and that the Madrasse frigot be ordered to call at Acheen to take him in.

Resolved that M^{r}: Soam's salary be apōinted at two hundred and fifty pound a year, being fifty pound more then the Deputy Govern^{r} :

A Letter to M^{r} : Soames of yesterdays date and part of his Instructions of this days date to Paragraph the 7th allso an addition to the York Fort Generall letter dated the 20th August from Paragraph the 27 to Paragraph 38 read and approved. Allso a letter from the Lieuten^{t} Generall to the King of Queda dated the 30th past (on ye request of Mr William Cawley) demanding satisfaction for his ship Speedwell & Cargo taken by Orumkey lillo Laelarillo a Tributary subject of the said King, who sold the slaves at Queda.

The Painters mentioned in Consultation of y^{e}: 14th June last having built some Houses and building more. It is ordered that sixty Pag^{s}: be impressed to

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Yeamana and Yembarroo, the Chief of them, to be distributed three p[a]: to each person towards the building of their Houses, they giveing a bond for repayment of y[e]: same in Painting of Cloth to be delivered them so soone as they are settled.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from the President and Councill of Surat dated the 7th July last.

Ship Elephant sailed for Pegu.

3 Ship Suratte Salamattee sailed for Pegu.

5 Received a Generall Letter: from Fort St. David dated the primo Instant.

MONDAY 6TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[L]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT: GEN[LL]: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: FRANCIS ELLIS

MR: ROGER BRADDYLL — MR: CHARLES BARWELL

MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: MATT: EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Tobacco farmers pay into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash Pag[s]: two hundred forty one and twenty four fanams being for one month on that account ending the 16th July last. There being twenty Chest Shirash wine Laden at Bombay for Bengall sent ashore from ship Chambers frigot without order and by mistake, and put into the Sea Gate Godown w[th]: other wine.

It is ordered that the Sea Customer cause the same to be laden on ship Diamond for Bengall on freight.

There having been 3500 Pag: impressed to M[r]: Fraser and M[r]: Barwell to buy goods for Vizagapatam, whereof they having not laid out above two thousand Pag: It is ordered that y[e]: remainder of that same be sent to Vizagapat[m]: besides 3000 Pag: formerly ordered.

M[r]: Matthew Empson pays into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Cash Pag: 599 on acco: Land Customs.

Ordered that Pag: 600 be paid to M[r]: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying charg[s]: Garrison.

Cap[t]: Thwaites having desired of the Lieut. Generall that his two Seamen mentioned in Consultation the 26th: June last may be discharged from their confinement & sent aboard. It is ordered that the Marshall do tomorrow morning deliver to him he paying what due for their Diett.

Ordered that Fletcher Sewster and Robert Smith souldiers of this Garrisson be entertained to serve the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company as writers at the West Coast and that twenty Pag: be impress'd to each in part of their salary to commence from their arriveall there.

Ordered that twenty souldiers be sent from this Garrisson to the West Coast by ship Madrasse frigot Viz[t]: 12 Topazes and 8 Europe men.

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M^{r}: Empson reports the muster of ship Madrasse ffrigot to be 55 men.

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Honble: Company dated this day read also Generall Letters to y^{e}: Chiefe and Councill of Vizagapatam to the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Forte to y^{e}: Chief and Councill of Priamong and Letter, Commission and Instructions to M^{r}: William Soames signed.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
ED: TREDCROFT.

S^{t}: David Brigantine arrived from Fort S^{t}: David. 7

Ship Madrasse frigot sailed for Vizagapatam and the West Coast by said ship 10
sent the following Pacquetts to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam to M^{r}: Wil[l^{m}]: Soames resident at Acheen to the Chief & Councill of Priamong and to the Deputy Govern^{r}: & Councill of York Fort incloseing a Pacquet for the R^{t}: Honble: Company.

S^{t}: David Brigantine sailed for Fort S^{t}: David.

This afternoone the Lieutenant Generall sent the following paper to Capt: Thwaites.

To Capt Thwaites Com^{r} of ship King William.

There remains but about 40 Candy of the Pepper of your former Cargo fitt to be sent home w^{ch}: will be sent off too [*sic*] morrow in y^{e}: morning. There will remain about 300 Candy, to make up the complement of 760 Candy which will be sent off on Monday and Tuesday which must be kept apart from and not be mixed wth: the Pepper of your former Cargo. There remains about 40 bales to make up the complement of the number of Bales formerly Laden whereof twenty will be sent off tomorrow and the rest on Monday and so many more as can be gott ready to send off on Tuesday and Wensday [*sic*] but after that day there will be nothing sent off unlesse the weather in the mean time shall hinder. I therefore desire you to lett me know tomorrow how many Candy of Pepper your ship [can] take in, and it shall be sent about by Wensday [*sic*].

Yo^{s}:

NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON.

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In the Evening Capt. Thwaites advised the Lieu^{t}: Generall that his ship 10
did yesterday make 14 inches water and this day 17 inches and therefore desired no goods may be sent off to-morrow till he had been aboard and examined the reason.

Received a General Letter from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam dated 12th August last wth: th[e] severall Generall books of Acco^{ts}: Diarys and Consultations books etc^{a} according to List.

Ship Diamond Henry Laurence master sail'd for Bengall by whom sent a 11
Generall letter [to] the Agent and Council dated the 9th: Instant.

The Gun^{n} being sent aboard the K. W^{m}: doth report y^{t} y^{e}: oakums [being] wrought out occasione her to make so much water.

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MONDAY 13

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL HIGGINSON ESQR LIEUT GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:

MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL

MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATT: EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Lieutenant Generall acquaints that the proposeall mentioned in Consultation 26th July last for the mannageing of the Pegu trade by a joint stocke not being subscribed by a sufficient number, however esteeming himselfe obliged to prosecute the redemption of the Cargo of Bartho: Rodriguez, he is a sending a ship thither whereof Mr: Thomas Bowyear is Supra Cargo and has prepared Instructions and Letters as well for the redemption of said Cargo as for procuring terms of trade which Instructions & Letters being now read are approved, and also a Paper signed appointing Mr: Thomas Bowyear to reside and act as Chief of the English affairs in Pegu.

Mr: Braddyll reporting that, there is this day Laden on the King William 228 bales and that there is about twenty bales more of the King Willm: old Cargo ready to be sent off to-morrow & that there is 508 Candy of Pepper of the former Cargo seperated from the dammaged now laden on board.

Resolved that for the dispatch of her lading the said twenty bales be sent off to-morrow after that no more bales be sent off, but that her lading be compleated wth: new pepper, whereof the warehousekeeper is to give the Commander notice that he may keep it apart from the Pepper of the old Cargo.

Ordered that the next day after the ship gives notice of her being full by fireing a gun that the Paymastr: goe aboard and muster the men and that he take wth him Capt: Metcalfe Capt: Gostlin Capt: Brooks and the Gunner to view [and] report the stowage provision and stores accord[ing] to agreement.

Mr: Matt: Empson pays into the Rt: Hble. Comps: Cash Pag: 489: 25: 4 on accot: Land Custom and Pag: 14: 27: 4 on account of the Town Conicop[lies] for 4 months ending August last. Hee allso pa[ys] unto the Secretary Pag: 74: 5: 1 on accot: Talliars Duty for 4 months ending ditto time.

Ordered that Pag: one thousand be paid to Mr. Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that Mr: Ellis & Mr: Braddyll do on Thursday next produce an account of the King Williams Cargo so far as the same can be done by that time.

Ordered that the Books of Consultations Letters received & sent be closed this day, to be sent home by ship King William to the Rt: Honble: Company.

CHA: BARWELL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT. JO: STYLEMAN.
RO: BRADDYLL. FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E. TREDCROFT.

Deliverd Passes to Ketch Rubie William Hancocke m[r]: and ship Pegu Merchant Thomas Plumbe master.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort Sr: David dated the 10th: Instant.

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List of Persons in the service of the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Company in Fort S^{t}: George &c^{a}: Places on the Coast of Choromandell.

	Arrival in India.	Present Design.
1. Nathl Higginson Esqr married an E.W. ...	March 19, 168$\frac{3}{4}$ ...	Govern^{r}:
2. John Styleman Accomptant Do. E.W. ...	... ...	2^{d} Councill.
3. William Fraser.	...	
4. Francis Ellis Godown Keep^{r} of goods for Europe.	June 23, 1672 ...	Councill.
5. Roger Braddyll Godown Keep^{r} of goods for Sale.	April 13, 1683 ...	Councill.
6. Charles Barwell married E.W.	...	Councill.
7. Thom^{s} Wright Sea Custom^{r} married E.W. ...	June 16, 1684 ...	Councill.
8. Matthew Empson Paym^{r} married a Casteez ...	July 20, 1687 ...	Councill.
9. Edward Tredcroft Land Customer	July 22, 1687 ...	Councill.
10. Matt: Warlinghaffe Engineer	Feb^{ry} 19, 1697 ...	
11. John Meverell receiver of the Sea Customs.	July 22, 1687 ...	Senr: Merch^{t}:
12. John Foquett Rentall Generall	October 15, 1687 ...	Do.
13. Stephen Frewen under the Lieutenant Generall	Febru^{ry}: 3, 1693 ...	Factor.
14. Joseph Hiller assist: to y^{e}: Storekp$_{r}$: married E.W.	Novemb^{r}: 23, 1692.	Do.
15. Thomas Wigmore Secretary	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692 ...	Do.
16. John Penford Assistant to the Land Customer.	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692 ...	Do.
17. Matt: Mead Attorny Gen^{all}: & Sort^{r}: Entert : here married E.W.	January 1, 169$\frac{2}{3}$ ...	Do.
18. William Morrice under the accomptant ...	Febru^{ry}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$ ...	Do.
19. Thomas Marshall Register	Februa^{ry}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$ ...	Do.
20. Thomas Lovell (Going to Tonqueen)	Febru^{ry}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$ ...	Do.
21. Gulsten Addison at the Sea Gate	Febru^{ry}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$ ...	Do.
22. William Vanden Anchor und : the Accomptant	Nov^{r}: 5, 1689 ...	Do.
23. James Eustace Steward	Febru^{ry}: 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$ ...	Do.
24. Henry Dobbyns Assistant to the Secretary ...	Febru^{ry}: 19, 169$\frac{6}{7}$ ...	Do.
25. George Shaw under the Accomptant ...	Febru^{ry}: 19, 169$\frac{6}{7}$ ...	Do.
26. George Carne returning home ℘ King William.	June 1, 1697 ...	Do.
27. Charles Bugden under the Secretary ...	Novem^{br}: 23, 1692 ...	Writer.
28. Thomas Harris Translater of Jentue ...	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692 ...	Do.
29. Batson Pearson at the Sea Gate	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692 ...	Do.
30. William Lloyd under the Paymaster ...	Decemb^{r}: 15, 1694.	Do.
31. John Hutchinson under the Warehousekeep^{r}.	Febru^{ry}: 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$ ...	Do.
32. Henry Davenport under the Secretary ...	Febru^{ry}: 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$ ...	Do.
33. John Monger under the Secretary	June 1, 1697 ...	Do.
34. George Lewis Minister.		
35. Nathaniel Stone Assaymaster.		
36. Edward Bulkly ... } Surgeons.		
37. Samuel Brown ... } Surgeons.		

Fort St. David.

1. William Hatsell Esqr: married E.W.
2. John Haynes Bookeeper married E.W.
3. Ralph Ingram warehousekeep^{r}: marr^{d}: E.W.
4. Edmund Mountague Sea Customer.
5. Richard Farmer Paymaster married E.W.
6. Trevor Games Land Customer married E.W.
7. John Berlu Land Custom^{r} Tevenapatam.
8. Robert Cranwell Assistant to y^{e}: Sea Custom^{r}.
9. Edward Baugus Steward.
10. John Rowland under the Bookeeper.
11. Edmund Bugden Secretary.
12. John Bulteel.
13. Henry Mompesson.
14. John Nicholson.
15. Thomas Facet Chirurgeon.

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Vizagapatam.

1. Simon Holcombe—
2. Samuel Owen Bookeeper marrd: Casteez.
3. Thomas Stables warehouskeepr :
4. Richard Bridges Storekeepr : married E.W.
5. Edward Thompson.
6. Joseph Himmerse Secretary.
7. Bezaliel Morrice Steward.
8. John Cotter Chirurgeon.

List of Freemen Inhabitants.

1. Elihu Yale Esqr : his wife in England.
2. William Cawley [late] of Councill of Fort St. George.
3. John Nickes late Chief of Conimere married E.W.
4. Hamon Gybbons late Chief of Indapora.
5. William Keeling late Chief of Tonqueen.
6. James Sowdon late Govr of York Fort.
7. Jeremiah Peachy late Chief of Maulda.
8. Daniel Dubois late Chief of Vizagapatam married E.W.
9. Charles Fleetwood late Governr of York Fort.
10. William Proby married E.W.
11. Hugh Kennedy late second of York Fort.
12. Alvaro da Fonseca Hebrew.
13. John Afflecke married a Casteez.
14. Charles Metcalfe married a Casteez.
15. Daniel Chardin married a French woman.
16. Laurence Bridger married an English woman.
17. John Wessondoncke married E.W.
18. Samuel Glover married E.W.
19. Richard Lee.
20. George Capell.
21. Christopher Allen married a Casteez.
22. Simon Kilpatrick.
23. John Brown married a Musteez.
24. Charles Tainter, his wife in England.
25. William Fowle.
26. Edward Dutton.
27. William Mayhue married.

List of Seafaring men not constant Inhabitants.

1. John Dolben Esqr : his wife in England.
2. Richard Trenchfield married a Casteez.
3. George Herron married a Georgian woman.
4. Robert Masfen married E.W.
5. William Harrison his wife in England.
6. Armiger Gostlin married E.W.
7. William Brooks married Do.
8. Anthony Pennystone married Do.
9. Edward Fleetwood married Do.
10. John Wheeler married Do.
11. James Howell married Do.
12. Henry Laurence.
13. William How married E.W.
14. Samuel Hart married a Casteez.
15. Richard Phrip married E.W.
16. John Gregory.
17. Samuel Vincent.
18. John Sewell.
19. Alexander Delgarno married E.W.
20. Charles Sherrer married Do.
21. Henry Harnett.
22. Henry Griffith married a Casteez.
23. William Hancocke.
24. John Mabb married E. W.

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25. John Wallis.
26. John Parham.
27. Augustin Hart Dutchman.
28. John Cockroft married a musteez.
29. William Legatt married a Casteez.
30. William Stocke married E.W.
31. William Ryder married E.W.
32. William Gryffin.
33. Thomas Child.
34. Thomas Lane married a Casteez.
35. Zachariah Stilgoe.
36. John Tyler.
37. Christopher Dixon.
38. John Smith.
39. Thomas Plumb.
40. James Harris.
41. John Bell.
42. Richard Williams.
43. William Ladd.
44. Benjamin Harris.
45. Andrew Goodman.
46. Francis Holt.
47. Joseph Lister.
48. Samuel Dixon.

WIDOWS.

1. Winifred Bridger.
2. Elizabeth Carrell.
3. Ursula Oneal.
4. Mary Gyfford.
5. Mary Ivory.
6. Mary Lacy.
7. Sarah How.
8. Dorothy Edwards.
9. Mary Large.
11. Susanna Harbin.
10. Johanna Martin.
12. Mary Pittman.
13. Margerry Heathfield.
14. Lucy Croke.
15. Mary Burton.

YOUNG WOMEN UNMARRIED.

1. Frances Christmass.
2. Anne Stone.
3. Mary Poirier.
4. Lucy Poirier.

Coppy of the Schedule for yares annexed to the Charterparties of the Rt: Honble: Comps: ships recd: June 1697:—

Cotton	4 £ per 112£.
Sugar in skins and Bale	26 £ per bale.
Indico in long bales	14 £ per bale.
Indico in Churles	36 £ per bale.
Cardamons	7 £ per bale.
Saltpeeter in single bags	4 £ per bag.
Saltpeeter in double bags	6 £ per bag.
Saltpeeter in skins and bales	17 £ per bale.
Seedlack and Shellack	12 £ per bale.
Raw silke	6 £ per bale.
Cinnamon and Cassia Lignum	12 £ per Cwt.
Ginger of China and Bantam	14 £ per Jarr.

All goods in Chests and Casks, as Sugar, Alloes, Benjamin Gumlacks, Mirrh &ca: to be allowed two hundred on each ton.

For all commodities not above expressed, the tares to be as they shall weigh.

A true copy Examined by me,
THO: WIGMORE, Secry.

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[15th] Ship Pegu merchant and Ketch Rubie sailed for Pegu.

Thursday 16th

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of August the balance being Pags: 13615: 4:5 and balance being examined this day is Pags: 7320: 10: 1 a[nd] the balance of the money belonging to ye: Ta[ ] Examd: is Pa: 2964: 34: 2.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his Accot: Passes for the month of August last and[paid] into the Rt: Honble: Companys [cash] Pa. 4 : 24 : on that [acct].

Mr. Elli[s]produceing an account of the ship King William. It is ordered that the same be adjusted with the Purser so far as it can be done by Monday next.

Mr. Charles Barwell read his account of sea Custom for the month of August last ℘ticulars Vizt:

To Custom of goods Imported and Exported this month	Pags:	950 :	9 :	63
To[Ditto]on Grain	„	188 :	30 :	40
Anchorage	„	46 :	18 :	„
Tonnage	„	33 :	12 :	„
	Pags:	1,218 :	34 :	=

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 911 : 22 : 2 the balance of his sea Customrs: accot.

Mr Matt: Empson read his account Land Customs for the month of August last perticulars Vizt.

Choultrey Custom	Pa:	400 :	21 :	„
Triblecane Custom	„	„ :	3 :	50
Rubie brokers	„	26 :	18 :	4
Cloth brokers	„	12 :	16 :	70
New Town rents	„	650 :	„ :	„
	Pags:	1089 :	23 :	44

Captain Thwaites having fired a gun this morning to give notice of his ship's being full was sent for and desired to deliver an account of the Stores he hath provided for the shipp and acquainted that the next day after he produced it the Paymaster was ordered to goe aboard wth: others and survey the ship and stores and muster[the men.]

Or[dered that Mr :] James Morrice be Entertain'd to [serve as a soul]dier in the garrison for three years.

[The Accomp]tant produces the generall books of accots: of Fort St. George Letter P P Ending the last of April 1697 balanced.

CHARLES BARWELL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT. JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON. FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT. RO. BRADDYLL.

19 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David[ ] the 16th. Instant wth: their generall books Letter G and their Diary and Consultation book from the

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℘mº. January 169$\frac{6}{7}$. to yᵉ ultº. Sepᵗʳ. 97 & a Pacqᵗ. for yᵉ R. H. Co. Last night ship Loyall Captain William How mastʳ. sailed for Bombay and Persia, by whome sent a Generall Letter [dated the 9ᵗʰ:] Instant &cᵃ. papers as ℘ list to his Excellency &cᵃ: at Bombay.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 21ST.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT. GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATT: EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Tobacco Farmers pay into the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compˢ: Cash Pagˢ: 241 : 24 fanams on that account for one month ending the 16ᵗʰ August last.

Generall Letter to the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Company Dated the 16ᵗʰ Instant from Paragraph 1ˢᵗ: to the 26 read.

Ship King William having paid anchorage when here last. It is resolved that anchorage be not demanded of Captain Thwaites now.

Mʳ Thomas Wright pay's into the R. H. Companys Cash the following sumes on the following decᵈ: persons accounts Vizᵗ.

John Hunter: Writer Pagˢ: 3 : 24.
William Dodson Gunnʳˢ: Mate: 19 : 25.

Hee allso produces an account signed by the Purser of Ship Sampson of apparel &cᵃ. belonging to John Hunter Sold at the mast on board said Ship, which is ordered to be sent home.

Ordered that Pagˢ ffve hundred be paid untoMʳ Matthew Empson Paymʳ. for defraying chargˢ: Garrison.

The account of the Dammaged Cargo of Ship King William being not finished by Mʳ Ellis &cᵃ. the adjustment thereof is deferred till to morrow, and Mʳ Hiller allso is ordered to produce an account of all the Stores deliver'd to the Commʳ. and of the moneys he has received for the same.

Generall letter now received from Bengall by Ship Anne dated the 16ᵗʰ August 1697, read.

Capᵗ. Thwaites produceing an account of Beef and Porke provided for his Ship amounting to Pagˢ 1011, Complaining that the price is to high the Butcher is order'd to attend tomorrow.

The Paymaster reports the muster of Ship King Williams men to be one hundred & Twenty.

The persons appointed to survey Ship King William deliver in their report as entred after this Consultation.

CHA: BARWELL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT.	JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.	RO: BRADDYLL.

According to your Honʳˢ. &cᵃ. Councills desire we have been aboard the Ship King William and surveyed her. find her Hull in good condition her mast fitting and well rigged with Europe Cordage, good Sailes, and saile cloth to make up two suits of sailes for her fore and aftʳ, The Gunners: Boatswains and Carpenters stores, as they tell us sufficient, only two great guns wanting of the number mention'd. The Provisions being stowd away we tooke the report of the Officers, who say all is aboard as mentioned in Capᵗ Thwaites, account given your Honʳ. SURVEYERS REPORT.

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&c. which are sufficient, so that all considered wee thinke her fitt for her Intended voyage to Europe, where God send her to arrive in safety is the desire of

Your Honble: &ca: Humble: Servts:

Madrasse Septembe: 20th 1697.

CHARLES METCALFE.
ARMIGER GOSTLIN.
WILLIAM BROOKE.
HENRY HARNETT.
ROBERT ATKINSON.

21 Mr: George Carne who came out this year upon ship Sidney acquainting the Councill wth: his dislike of the Countrey and requesting leave to returne for England. It was granted him he paying twenty six Pags: into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash.

22 Mr Ellis acquainting that the accounts were not furnished the Councill deferred meeting till tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY 23RD

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATT: EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr Ellis produceing an account of the King Williams dammaged Cargo, and ye Purser of the ship appointed by the Commander to take the account thereof being sent for & demanded of him whether he doth agree wth: the said accot: He answers, that he hath compared accounts and doth agree what relates to the Bales and for what is reladen on the ship, but for the remaining weighable goods, he was not ℘sent at the weighing thereof, and was not acquainted when t'was done and therefore cannot agree to that account.

Capt: Thwaites being asked whether he did order the Purser not to see the weight, or doth approve of the reweighing of said Goods by Mr: Dorislau. Capt: Thwaites answers he did not give him such order, and doth now approve the Pursers seeing the same reweighed.

Ordered that Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyll do immediately cause all the said remaining weighable goods to be reweighed wth: Mr: Dorislau and deliver an account so soon as possibly it can be done of the whole Cargo agreed & signed by themselves and the Purser.

CHA: BARWELL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT. JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON. FRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT. RO: BRADDYLL.

SATURDAY 25TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF [INDIA.]
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATT: EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The remaining part of the Generall to the Rt: Hon: Company dated the 16 & 21 Instant from Par[ ] 27 read and signed. Allso the addition to the

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Generall Letter dated the 20th Instant sent by the Danes Conveyance to be deliver'd the Comr: apart wth: abstract of the Invoice.

Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyll produce an account of the King William's damaged Cargo signed by themselves and Mr: Isaac Dorislau the Purser of said ship on the 24th Instant wherein it is observed that the Purser signeth to the account of bale goods received from ye: ship and the bales re-shipped without washing & the weight of the weightable goods, but to ye: rest of the account he signeth wth a note that he believes them to be true being present, but cannot signe not keeping the accot: himselfe.

Ordered that the said account be now sent to the Rt: Honble: Company and that Mr: Ellis cause another coppy to be ready to be sent by ye: next ship.

The remainder of the King Williams bales being for the most part under the washers hands & unsorted and the account of the dammage thereof cannot bee therefore stated, It is ordered that Mr: Ellis & Mr: Braddyll doe cause the rewashing thereof to be finished wth: all expedition, and such part thereof as proper for sending home to be sorted and Embaled, and then produce an account of all the remaining part of the Damaged Cargo that the same may be sold by outcry in order to the stateing the dammage of the Whole Cargo.

Serrapa &ca: Merchants having provided sixty Corge of sailcloth from Worriarpollam, for the service of ship King William Capt: Thwaites, having ordered the provision of 50 Corge & now received 38 picked by himselfe out of ye: whole parcell, for which Serrapa demands Pags: $7\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Corge alledgeing the prime cost and charges amounts to so much, and Capt: Thwaites offers seven Pags: declaring he is informed that such sail cloth use to cost but six Page ℘ Corge. It is our opinion (having viewed severall pieces of ye: remainder) it is not worth lesse then seven Pags: and that the merchants cannot gain anything considerable by Pags: $7\frac{1}{4}$ ℘ Corge which Serrapa doth accept and Capt: Thwaites promise to pay.

Captain Thwaites produceing an account of [the] Butcher Charles Tainter's Bill of beef and Porke provided for ship King William amount to Pags: 1011: 19:2 the Beef being rated at Pags: $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ 112 lb. and the Porke at 3 Pags: ℘ 100 lb. Which rates he alledgeth to be to high, the same was concerted and agreed by them to be Pags: $2\frac{1}{4}$ for Beef and Pags: $2\frac{1}{4}$ for the Porke. But severall of the Councill apprehending that that abatement is to much and if drawn to a President will discourage all persons from undertakeing to victual other ships. The Consideration thereof is referred to better leisure.

The balance of the owners of ship King Wm: account as stated by the accountant from the Generall books Pags: 1001: 25:3 being added to ye: ships Invoice Capt: Thwaites was required to insert the same in the Bill of Lading allso according to the agreement, but refuseth saying it is sufficient to be inserted in the Invoice and referred to the Rt: Honr: Company & Owners.

The King Williams Bills of Lading dated ye: 21st October 1696 being two sent home and one only remaining here in the book a coppy thereof was written and attested by us to be a true copy and equivalent to the Original, and Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyll now concerting with the Commander and Purser, the Indorsement for receipt of said Cargo here, The same was now delivered to Capt: Thwaites indorsed.

The following Bulses of Diamonds received from Capt: James Thwaites as Deposits were deliver'd to him Vizt: Recd: by Mr: Ellis at Trincomolay.

Bulse I T valued by Capt: Thwaites Pa:	910: 9t:	4 stones.
I T valued	670:	2 stones.
Received in Fort St. George.		
B F D No. 11	2000.	
I M D, F S, ¢ D	30060.	

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with two severall assignments thereof dated ye: 28th June 1697 and 16th July 1697 and allso four receipts given by Captain Thwaites for the following sums Vizt.

March the	18th 1696/7 for	...	Pags..	800.
	22 ...	...	...	687 : 24.
June	28 1697	...	...	2000.
July	16 in full of P. 6500 :		...	3012 : 12.

and Capt: Thwaites deliver'd to Mr: Ellis two receipts which he gave at Trincomolay for the two bul[ses] of Diamonds received there as deposits dated the 18th and 22nd March 1696/7.

Capt: Thwaites being [asked if there] remaineth anything to be done by us towards his assistance, hee answers that he wants nothing but a little wind notice was given him that the Pacquet would be ready to be delivered him by five a clocke in the afternoone, when he was ordered to come & receive his dispatch, which was now read and signed.

Ordered that Pags 5 : 17 : 1 be paid to Mr: George Carne, being what salary due to him from the ℘mo June 1697 to the 21st Instant when permission was granted him for returning ho[me].

CHA : BARWELL.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
THO : WRIGHT.	JO : STYLEMAN.
M : EMPSON.	FRANCIS ELLIS.
E : TREDCROFT.	RO : BRADDYLL.

27 The Despatch & Pacquets were delivered this day to Capt: Thwaites he not Comeing on the 25th to receive them and the Pacquetts not finished till after sun sett.

The following orders was sign'd by ye: Lieut. Genll: & Councill Vizt:.

Ordered that Mr: Ellis cause the Fort St. David [bales] now arri[ved by the] Brigantine to be unladen.

CHARLES : BARWELL.	NATT : HIGGINSON.
THOMs : WRIGHT.	JOHN : STYLEMAN.
MATT : EMPSON.	FRANCIS ELLIS.
EDWD : T[REDCROFT].	ROGER BRADDYLL.

[...] are Andrew Goodman Master arrived from Bengall by whome received a Generall Lre : dated the 28th August wth; the severall other papers according to the List and Brigantine St: David from Fort St: David by which received a Generall Letter from the Governour and Councill dated the 24th Instant.

28 This morning Ship King William Capt: James Thwaites Commander sailed for England.

TUESDAY ℘MO :

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Lieutenant Generall pays into the Rt: H. C. cash Pags: twenty six being so much received of Mr: George Carne for permission of Passage for England on Ship King William.

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Twelve souldiers and one Gunner being sent by the Governour &^{ca}: of Fort S^{t}: David upon their request, It is ordered that they be Entertained in this Garrison, and that Eight soldiers of this Garrison according to a list produced by the Paymaster, be at their request sent thither, they paying for their own provision. And the Paym^{r}: to pay fifteen fanams for each persons passage.

The minister and churchwardens requesting that the money in the Comp^{s}: Cash belonging to the Estate of Capt: Robert Clarke deceased, may be paid into the church stocke to be improved for the maintenance of three of his children under their care. It is ordered that a Bill be given them for Pag^{s} · 1315 : 25 being the balance of said Clarks account in the Generall books at Eight ℘ C^{t}: interest.

They allso represent to us that the Church charg^{s}: do considerably exceed their income, and that they doe yearly expend above forty Pag^{s}: for servants wages and repairs of the Hospital, besides w^{ch}: there is an annual charge of about forty Pag^{s}: for the provison of cloths and cotts for sick-men, whereof the church hath usualy paid one third part upon which account the Paymast^{r}: having demanded of them fourteen Pag^{s}: they did demur the payment till they had acquainted us wth: the condition of the stocke and doe further alledge that severall of the Inhabitants doe withdraw their contributions because they are dissatis^{d}: wth: the disbursement of the Church money for Hospital wher[e of the] souldiers have the only use.

The Paymaster is ordered yearly to disburse y^{e}: Money for cloths and cotts and not demand any part thereof of the Church wardens.

There being a report that M^{r}: William Proby designes for Bengall in few days. It's propounded to the consideration of the Councill whether it may be convenient to permit him to goe thither being a person notoriously disaffected to the Company and may be justly suspected [will have] a correspondence wth: the Interlopers there.

It is resolved by majority that he may be permitted to goe giveing a bond in three thousand Pag^{s}: with good security to be approved by the Councill not to have any manner of correspondence or dealing by word or writeing or otherwise directly or indirectly wth: the Interlop^{rs}: or French.

The Lieutenent Generall doeth declare y^{t} he doth not approve of his goeing to Bengall.

Generall Letters from Bengall and Fort S^{t}: David dated 28th: August & 16th: Instant read.

Ordered that the sorters doe inspect and report one bale of Salampores and one bale of Bettellas received by the Brigantine from Fort [S^{t}: David. . . .] being their weavers cloth.

Ordered that the silke worm's received from Bengall be sent to Fort S^{t}: David by the Brigantine.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be taken at Interest at Eight ℘ per cent ℘ annum for six months, and that a bill be given M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Stone for the same.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid M^{r}: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Empson are ordered to gett the Present ready for the nabob by Monday next.

CHA: BARWELL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT.	JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.	RO: BRADDYLL.

29TH

M^{r}: Nathl: Stone was this day chosen mayor:

The S^{t}: Davids Brigantine sailed for For[t] S^{t}: David.

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THURSDAY 30TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR. LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL — MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pags: three thousand be paid to Serrapa &ca: Joint stocke merchants in further part of their Contract dated the 22d: April [and] June last.

MR: Thomas Wright read his Paymastrs: accot: for the month of August last particulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pa:	937: 2
Charges Generall	,,	562: 2
Charges Merchandise	,,	4: 31
Charges Cattle	,,	28: 28
Ship King Williams Cargo...	,,	393: 28
West Coast	,,	429: 19
Charges Extraordinary	,,	10: 7
Fortifications and repairs	,,	84: 28
Charges Diett	,,	455: 11
Ship Sedgwicke	,,	340: 17
Yegmore &ca., new Towns...	,,	1: —
Vizagapatam	,,	1: —
Bengall	,,	10: —
Factors Provisions	,,	2: 9
House moveables	,,	2: —
	Pags. ...	3,263: 2

Upon the balance whereof there is due to him Pags: six hundred and twelve and twenty-Eight fanams which is ordered to be paid.

Ordered that Pags: four hundred be paid to Raggine &ca: washers for curing the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cloth.

Mr: Barwell and Mr: Wright report the sale of the 56 Bales Cotton received by the Chambers frigot sold at outcry poiz Candy 50: 16mds: 3lb at Pags: 20: 3 fans: a Candy amounts to Pags: 1020: 12: which sume they now pay into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash.

Ordered that Jonathan Moler Dutchman & Hans Unversolt be entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

Ordered that Rupees seven thousand new Madrasse be sent to Bengall by ship Anne John Hampton Master.

The Lieutenant Generall acquaints the Councill that Mr: Proby Offers Mr: Glover to be his Security relating to the matter of Consultation of the 28th: Instant which the Councill do not thinke fitt to accept.

Generall Letters to Bengall dated th[e 28th:] and to Fort St: David dated this day read and signed.

The Accomptant is ordered to draw out the account of salary due to the Rt: Honble: Companys servants for halfe a year past Ending the 29th: Instant.

CHA: BARWELL. — NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT. — JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON. — FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT. — RO: BRADDYLL.

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Dispatchd a Generall Letter of this date to Fort St : David.

Last night ship Anne John Hampton Mastr: sailed for Bengall, by whome sent a Generall Letter to the Agent &ca: dated the 28th: Instant Incloseing Invoice and bill of Lading &ca: papers as ℘ List. OCTOBER ℘MO

Mr: Proby offering the late President Yale to be his Security for goeing to Bengall. The Councill were acquainted wth: said offer but did not approve thereof.

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 2D

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR. LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The late President Yale having sent a letter of this days date (coppy whereof is entred after this Consultation) the following resolves are agreed.

That the sume paid in August 1694 for the Tonnage and Passe of ship George is not more then usual.

That when the late Commissary Generall first filled up the blanks of those Printed Passes the time of their continuance in fforce not being inserted, and they being delivered instead of other usual Passes, the Owners of ships have taken occasion from thence to suppose they were to continue in fforce allwais and therefore omitted to take usual Passes. But it being a generall rule for Passes that they are to continue in force but one year (or one voyage) and to be yearly repea [ted] either those Printed Passes ought not to continue in force more then one year or the owners ought to take other usual passes yearly allso.

That no Printed Certificates be for the future deliver'd to any ships but such as have taken the usual Passes paying the usual Tonnage and stated fees for both Passe and Certificate.

That the owners of ship Diamond be ℘ticularly admonished to cause said ship to take a Passe in Bengall, being gone thither with an old Printed Passe or Certificate.

That the Sea Customer doe before he permit the master of any English ship to goe off in order to saile, produce his Passe before the Govr: and Councill and receive an order from the Secretary for permission.

That thô upon a true account the late Presidt: Yale hath not received any injury by ye: paymts: he hath made for Ship George Vizt: Rups: 400 in August 1694 here and Rupees 400 in Decr: 1696 at Bombay, yet to avoid any manner of dispute wth: him, Hee be offered a Passe to be in force to the 24th: December 1698. The Bombay Passe being limitted to one voyage which determined in nine months and a Printed Certificate if he desires it gratis.

That the Secretary doe send a coppy of the foregoeing resolves to the late President Yale in answer to his letter.

Mr: Proby having delivered the Lieutenant Generall a Paper of this days date wch: being perused. It is ordered to be entred after this Consultation, and resolved by majority that he doe not proceed for Bengall.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
MR: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
CHA: BARWELL. RO: BRADDYLL.

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To the Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr:
Lieutenant Generall &c^{a}: Councill.

When I tooke a Pass from the Honble: Presid^{t}: and Councill here for ship George, It was then declar^{d}: to be a lasting one, and that the ship would have occasion for no other (on which consideration I paid much more then was usual for other Passes) and has since been allowed soe to ships Loyall Captain and Diamond and severall others that lately went hence with those Printed Passes dated some years past, and notwithstanding mine was of the same tenour and Date yet t'is condemn'd as uselesse and the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: seal torne from it to invalidate it, thô the master of ship George Henry Harnett charges the Owners of the George with four Hundred Rupees that the Generall at Bombay tooke from him the 27th: December last for ships Tonnage, besides Rup^{s}: 12: 7 to others I wish he had taken y^{e}: ship too and saved me the further trouble of her; But to pay it every six months, I thinke is a severity beyond the Honble: Comp^{s}: orders or y^{e}: practise of this Place, as will appear by the Register of ships tradeing of late years from this Port, which would be very hard and a great discouragement to shiping and trade that duely pay Custome and other great charges to the Company, which the trade will hardly bear, I am sure myne will not w^{ch}: I referr to your just consideration.

Honble: &c^{a}:

Fort St. George 2nd: Octob^{er}: 1697.

Your most humble serv^{t}:
Elihu Yale.

To the Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieutenant Generall of Fort St. George.
R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: John Styleman.
M^{r}: Francis Ellis.
M^{r}: Roger Braddyll.
M^{r}: Charles Barwell.
M^{r}: Thomas Wright.
M^{r}: Matthew Empson.
M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft.

Honble: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

I having long been a Freeman here under the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: and your Government, constantly and faithfully deporting myself according to the Laws and Customs of this Place, paying all due respects and obedience to yor: commãds, and having liberty by the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: permission and orders to trade in India and being lately designed on a voyage to Bengall on ship George, of which I am a part owner, I did in a few days after my resolution thereon according to my duty acquaint the Honble: Lieuten^{t}: Generall therewith who (to my great surprize) told me that the Councill had permitted my goeing on said voyage, provided I gave Bond for three thousand Pag^{s}: to the R^{t}: Honble: Company wth: good security not to correspond or have any dealings with the Interlopers or French either by word or writeing, thô: I have no manner of businesse or acquaintan^{ce}: wth: them and am strictly forbidden by his Hon^{r}: Yales Instructions to me from corresponding or intermedling wth: them, my buisinesse being only to endeavour to gett a Freight for y^{e}: shipp, or otherwise to dispose of her or lade her hither wth: the advice and assistance of the Agent, according to the Comp^{s}: rules that the ship may not idly run to ruine, wherefore to bind me in so great a sume for a thing I have no thought of or reason for is very hard and impracticable none lately gone thither having been obliged there [to] more then by a Publick order and prohibition. Notwithstanding which that I might not loose soe good an oppertunity of improveing my small fortune

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for the maintenance of my family I used all endeavours to give satisfaction therein, and proposed severall of my friends (who were so kind as to consent) to be security for me, but they being rejected as I doubt others will, to prevent my great losse and disappointment in not goeing the said voyage having prepared all things for it, and disburst much money thereon and that there may be no scruple left to obstruct me therein. I do hereby offer to Your Honr: &ca: my bond for three thousand Pags: not to have any correspondence or dealing wth: the Interlopers or French in manner of businesse directly or indirectly, and for my unquestionable Security will put into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash to the amount of two thousand Pags: at the common Interest of the place, or into any other hands your Honble: &ca: shall order it, which I hope cannot justly be denyed. But if otherwise I must and doe hereby declare that yor: Honr: &ca: are the occasions of my great losse in detaining me from goeing upon my intended voyage and just and [Lawfull] occasions. So begg yor: Honr: &ca: Suddain resolution herein, the ship having waited sometime for it, in great danger of looseing her Passage to Bengall and the approaching Monsons.

Fort St. George
2nd: October 1697.

Honble: Sir: &ca:
Your: most faithfull obedt: Servant
Wm: PROBY.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 4TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL — MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: George Lewis pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: two thousand at Eight ℔ Cent Interest ℔ annum for four months for which bill given.

Capt: William Brooks being permittted to goe for Bengall master of ship George, is at his request discharged from being a security for Mr: Cha: Fleetwood.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: nine hundred on account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pags: nine hundred be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Register of the Court of Admiralty, read his account of Court Duties from the primo January 1696/7 to the 30th: Sepber: 97 and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Pa: 164: 32.

President Yale having sent a note to the Secretary (as coppyed after this Consultation). The Secretary is thereupon ordered to certifie upon the Passe therein mentioned, its validity to the 24 December next. One other Paper from President Yale to the Secretary dated yesterday read and ordered to be entred in the coppy book of Letters.

Mr: William Fraser read his account of the warehouse for the month August last.

Serapa Chief merchant representing to us, that in a short time the rains will sett in which will impede their provision of two hundred bales by the begining of January unlesse they are now furnished with two thousand Pags: to be immediately impressed to the weavours for the makeing of cloth whilest the fair weather last and promiseth upon the receipt of said two thousand Pags: to bring in two hundred bales by the tenth January (besides 300 wch: they alledge to be now in their hands). It is ordered that the same be paid in part of the three thousand Pags: payable next by Contract.

Ordered that Thomas Vaughan be Entertd in the Gunroom Crew.

Ordered that Mr. Frasers Salary be paid him as usual till the Rt: H: Comps: pleasure is known.

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Ordered that Pagss: 308: 25—the balance of ye: account of Town Conicoplies Duty be paid to Mr: Braddyll late mayor.

An order of Consultation dated the 2d: January 169$\frac{2}{3}$ wherein it is ordered that the Mayor when he is not of Councill, in all Places within his Jurisdiction shall dureing his office take place of all persons next the President, being consider'd, the Construction is declared to be only at the times of the execution of his office and at othr: times to take place next the Councill as the practice was at that time and has been ever since.

Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson produce an account of things bought for Presents for the Nabob &ca: amount to Pags: 1112: 6: besides charges.

Letters to the Nabob Wottomchund and Emaun Cooley and Instructions to Amir John read.

The Lieutenant Generall acquaints yt: upon ffriday night information being given of severall misdemeanours committed by Ancona for takeing bribes from both parties for solic [iting] their causes in the Court, particularly in a case depending between Ramakisna and Nursinda. That he had received from the former to ye: value of sixty Pags: and from the latter ten. Hee thereupon did Commit Anco to the custody of the Marshall where he now is.

Ordered that the attorny Generall doe wth: the Justices of the Choultry examine ye: accusations against Ancona and report it here.

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to the Lieutenant Generall out of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash in persuance of ye: order of Consultation 14th: Decr: 1696.

The appointment of the Employments of the Rt: H. C. servants as Entred after this Consultn: approv'd.

Ordered that Pags: 1,026: 13: 5: being both Principal and Interest due on a bond dated the 18 June 1697 for one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Roger Braddyll.

Cha: Barwell	Nat: Higginson
Tho: Wright	Jo: Styleman
M: Empson	ffrancis Ellis
E: Tredcroft	Ro. Braddyll

Mr: Secretary.

I believe your subscribeing the Bombay Passe by the approbation and order of his Honr: & Councill, that tis to continue in force till the 24th: December 1697 will be sufficient since possibly the Ship may be sold before that time, which is agreeable to their Consultation; but if they doe not sell her I shall order them to take anew Passe in Bengall as ship Diamond is order'd to doe, of which pray acquaint his Honr: who hope will not deny me the same favour.

Sr:
Your Servant
Elihu Yale.

Fort St. George 4th: October 1697.

Appointmt: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Servant's employme[nts].

Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieut-Generall
John Styleman Esqr: 2d: & Accomptant
Mr: Francis Ellis Godown Keepr: of goods for Europe.
Mr: Roger Braddyll Ditto of goods for sale & Mintmr:
Mr: Charles Barwell goeing Agent of Persia while he stays to collect the Rt: Honble: Comps: Orders.
Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer.

Assistants.

Stephen Frewen Mercht:
William Morrice Factor.
William Vandenanchor do.
Charles Bugden do.
George Shaw do.
Joseph Hiller do.
John Meverell Senr: Mercht: Searchr:

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To look after the grain: Gulston Addison Factor Receiver; Batson Pearson Do. Und^r: Search^r:; John Hutchinson Writer

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster
Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Custom^r: and Sorter
Thomas Wigmore Secretary
John Foquett Rentall Generall and Survey^r:
Matthew Mead Attorney-Generall & Sorter
Thomas Marshall–Register
James Eustace–Steward
Thomas Lovell–gone to Tonqueen.
William Loyd Writer

John Penford Merchant
Henry Dobyns Factor
Henry Davenport Writer
John Monger Writer
Thomas Harris Translater of Gentue.

Ship Sumoodroo belonging to a Chuliar sailed for fort St. [David]

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R: M^R: CHARLES BARWELL
M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that James Lerpmeer be Entertained a souldier in this Garrison.

M^r: Thomas Wright late Paymast^r: pays into the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 15: 6 fan^s: being so much due from Dennis a Portuguez who rented the wine License in 1687 & has been stop'd monthly by 6 fan^s: a month.

The Accomptant produces the account salary due to the R^t. Honble: Comp^s: servants for six months ending the 29th: past amo^t: to Pag^s: 1,032: 26: 3 w^ch: is order'd to be paid.

Ordered that Pag^s: fifteen hundred be taken of M^r: Thomas Wright at Eight ℘ Cent Interest ℘ annum for four months, and that a bill be given him.

The Justices of the Choultrey & Attorny Generall produce the Examinations of severall wittnesses against Anco, whereby it doth appear cause to order and it is ordered that the Attorny Generall doe preferr an Information in the Court of Admir^ty: against him for the severall crimes & misdemean^rs: therein contained.

M^r: Ellis &c^a: sorters give in their report of y^e: Fort S^t: David weavours cloth as entred after this Consultation.

Ordered that Pag^s: two hundred be advanc'd to the washers for curing the R^t. Honble: Comp^s: cloth.

There being two or three shops lately sett up beyond the watching places. The Land Customer is ordered to cause them to be pulled down and the Owners to remove within the bounds and for the future to suffer none to be built.

M^r: Vicessimus Griffith being decreed by Judgem^t: of the Court of Admiralty 20th March last to pay the R^t: Honble: Company Pag^s: 541 due from him on account Sea Customs of Cuddalore, which he pretending was not received by himselfe but by the appointed Conicoply who ran away with the money. In consultation 21st March last he promised to give bond for payment thereof to the R^t: Honble: Company in England if their Hon^rs: doe not see cause to remit the same, but avoiding and at last refuseing to give such bond, and there appearing to us no reason for remitting said Judgement notwithstanding all his allegac̃ons. It is resolved that M^r: Vicessimus Griffith be discharg'd from the R^t: Honble: Companys

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Service, and according to their Hon[rs] : Order in the 19 Parag[p] : of their Generall Letter dated 3rd : January 169¾. [Hee receive no salary or other allowance] from y[e] : the time of his being called from ffort S[t] : David upon this occasion.

The Judge produces a Protest deliver'd him in y[e] : Court the sixth Instant by John Stevenson a[ls] : Wessondonck which was read being a Protest against the President and Councill, the Judge of the Court of Admiralty and Assistants, Mayors, and Aldermen, wherein he charges them all Jointly and severally in fifteen thousand Pag[s] : Dammages sustained by unjust and illegall Proceedings in a case depending above two years between himselfe and shroffe Muttamar for which protest the Court esteeming it a scandalous and false Libel and a notorious affront did Commit him to the custody of the marshall where he remaineth.

The said Protest tending to the undermining the foundation of all power in this Place, and Scandalously reflecting upon all persons concerned therein of having reason to suspect that the said protest hath been made by y[e] : concurrent advice of some others. It is resolved necessary to vindicate and assert the governments of the Courts, and to punish those that have been guilty of this great affront for future prevention and [it is recommended to each of the Councill] to en-[quire] well who have been the Councellors or abettors of this Libel, and to consider of further proceedings.

Cha : Barwell.	Nat : Higginson.
Tho : Wright.	Jo : Styleman.
M : Empson.	ffrancis Ellis.
E : Tredcroft.	Ro : Braddyll.

Att the Comp[s] : Cloth Godown.

We the Subscribers being appointed by order of Consultation to Examine the ffort S[t] : David new weavours cloth, according[ly] : have opened one bale Bettella's n° : 25 and find it as good as muster and one bale of salampores n° : 3 as fine, but not as thicke as muster.

Francis Ellis.
Fort St. George Primo Octo[r] : 1697. Edward Tredcroft.
Matt : Mead.

8 Amerjeahn sett out for the Camp w[th] : the Present for the Nabob accompanied with ten Peons.

9 The Junkanneer demanding custom contrary to sala [bad] for 16 pieces of Broad cloth which the Joint stocke Merchants were sending into the Countrey & for 80 pieces brown Long cloth which they were bringing in and refuseing (as ordered) to pay anything more then sallabad, the Junkanneer detains them in his meeta thô : demanded by the Govern[r] : His answ[r] : being that he will demand what he please.

The Junkanneer having severall times sent his Peons to keep a watch within Triblecane bounds Peons were sent to turne them out. But this day the Junkanneer having sent 4 Rashboots w[th] : possitive order not to leave the Post without his order and allso 15 bundalars to a choultrey within the bounds of Tandare where they this day forced the Inhabitants of Tandore and others to pay them ten times more Junkan for brattee straw &c[a] : then usuall, 20 Peons were sent to Triblecane & 40 to Tandore w[th] : orders to prevent their Insolence.

The Junkanneer having Yesterday seized upon an Inhabitant of Tandore and demanded 5 Pag[s] : Custome for Tobacco and other goods w[ch] : he had [carried] from Madrasse to his shop in Tandore, refused to pay, The Govern[r] : sent to demand said Inhabi[tant] and sent him a copy of the Grand Vissiers Perwanna for the new Towns. His answer was that he valued not that Perwanna, but would keep the man till he paid the money.

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The Peons sent last night to Tandore & Triblicane advise the Junkann^rs^: Peons at Triblecane remaind there, but those at Tandore removed from y^t^: Choultry towards Trivetore. 10TH

Last night 40 Balears came from Pollimullee to the Ipere meeta there being in all there about 60 [&] spie peons advise that this day or tomorrow Alle bux is expected from Pollimullee w^th^: 200 Peons belonging to Polligar Ramraz who is y^e^: head Pollig^r^: of these parts; and that in their hearing y^t^: Junkann^r^: said, lett the Madrasse people kill or wound one of our people then all will be well. 11TH

By daily complaints of merchants and others goeing and comeing, it appears that this Junkanneer doth at all his meets demand from 5 to 20 ℘ cent for money and jewells for which they search all travellers and for all sorts of Provisions that Pass to y^e^: Camp, and the halfe or quarter of the value of Provisions that is brought from the Countrey this way & hath caused an acco^t^: to be taken of all trees gardens fruits and demands the halfe and also demands halfe of the Callicoes made by the weavours and hath killed 3 or 4 [men] by beating w^th^: clubs, who were concerned in the acco^ts^: of last years rent upon which many countrey Inhabitants are fled.

Ramapa was ordered to cause a list of these things to be drawn out and attested by Persians, Guzerats &c^a^ Merchants to be sent to Amirjohn.

This afternoon our watching Peons advise that one Hundred of Ramaraz Peons are come to the meet, and Fifty of Timapa Naigues Peons are in readinesse at Cundore and that Allee bux hath ordered his son to pay them Batty.

Serapa informs that besides the 16 pieces of Broad cloth the Junkann^rs^ have stopped 200 pieces of Long cloth 190 pieces of Bettellas and 270 pieces of morees to the value of about fifteen hundred Pag^s^: in all.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 11TH

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUT: GEN^LL^: OF INDIA

M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL	M^R^:
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT	M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT	

M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL AT THE MOUNT.

Ordered that Richard Dawson be Entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison and Nathan^l^ Bulfield in the Gunroom Crew—both of them Ladds about fifteen years of age & born in this Place.

Ordered that Pag^s^: [654 be] paid to M^r^: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^r^: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his acco^t^: Land Customs for the months of September last particulars Viz^t^.

Choultrey Custom	P:	365:	14:	25
Trivelecane Custom	„	—:	2:	55
Rubie Brokers	„	28:	17:	40
Cloth Brokers	„	23:	17:	13
Fines	„	4:	...:	...
Confiscations	„	2:	...:	...
New Town rents	„	233:	...:	...
	Pagod^s^.	656:	15:	53

And pays into the R^t^: Honble: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: 654: 13 [: 55] the balance of said months account.

The Lieutenant Generall read his acco^t^: of the R^t^: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of September last the balance being P^a^: 9042: 16: 2 and Thomas

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Wigmore Secretary his account fees for Passes for ditto month and pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 7: 12 fanams their two thirds thereof.

The Diary of the 8th 9th 10th and this day being now perused, It doth appear that the Junkanneer is very insolent and doth design to picke a quarrel.

Resolved to await till wee see the issue of the Letter and present sent the Nabob by Amirjohn, and in the meantime to avoid all acts of Hostility except forced thereunto for our own Defence, and that sixty Peons be sent to guard Tandore, and fforty to Triblicane with the like orders.

THO: WRIGHT.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON.	JO: STYLEMAM.
E: TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
	RO: BRADDYLL.

Orders given for 30 or 40 ffree-guard Souldiers with arms and ammunition to bee night & day ready on command to prevent the Junkaneer's carrying away the Merchants' Cloth from the Meett to Pollimelee.

The Governour having yesterday wrote to M^{r}: Barwell to bring his family and all the English from the mount, this Evening at nine a clock received a note from him adviseing that as he was comeing wth: his family to town they were stopped by the Junkanneers a little beyond Triblecane and that he would retire to a neighbouring town and await for further orders.

The Govern^{r}: thereupon ordered 40 Peons and 30 Souldiers to goe and conduct him to town, but as they were ready to goe M^{r}: Barwell came to the Gates, being by order of the Chief Junkanneer permitted to come but adviseth that the rest could not come from the mount for want of Coolies.

At the same time came a letter from a servant of the Junkanneer to Ramapa adviseing to a reconciliation. In answer to which Ramapa was ordered to write that when he returned y^{e}: Comp^{s}: goods which he had robb'd, His proposalls should be delivered to the Govern^{r}.

The Junkanneer hath taken 5 or 600 pieces of paintings from the Painters as they were washing them in a Tancke near Triblecane bounds and carryed them to Ipere mett.

13 The same servant wrote a second Letter adviseing to an accommodation. In order to which the Chief Junkanneers son would come himselfe to Ramapa. Ramapa was order'd to give the same answer as yesterday.

M^{r}: Proby and his wife & M^{rs}: Brown & their children being still at the Mount, The Govr: permitted Do[ctor Brow]n to goe this Evening with Palankeens and Coolies to fetch them and order'd him to goe by the Junkanneers chiefmett and acquaint them his businesse to the mount but if they refused to lett him passe, he was strictly order'd not to offer any violence but to returne, and the Junkann^{r} permitted him to passe quietly.

Being advised that Alle bux hath agreed wth the Beetle Gardeners to permit the beetle to be brought to town upon their promiseing him pag^{s} 150 a year, and that Puallapee Chittee [&] Narrain Chittee Inhabitants of this place have agreed to pay him sixty Pag^{s} a year for the liberty of buying all the beetle on y^{e}[ ] adjacent gardens.

The Governour gave orders for selling all the Beetle at the Choultrey, as it comes and keep an account thereof.

Note that there are 21 Peons of ye Rashwarr Cast belonging to Airingapa naigue and 2 [6] belonging to Timapanaigue their out Tow[n] now in the service and pay of Alle bux, For which Airingapanaigue pretends the excuse, that he having by the Govern^{rs}: order sent for 20 of his best men from his out to[wns for the service of] this Place, Alle bux sent his orders to those towns and demanded them for his service as he had demanded the like from severall other Polligars.

14 This morning Doctor Brown came backe from the mount wth his wife and family & M^{r}. Proby and passed by the Junkanneers Chief mett without any

molestation and the Junkann^{r} sent a message by Doctor Brown to the Govr that he desired to come and speake wth him in order to a reconciliation.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 14

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT. GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL — M^{R}: CHARLES: BARWELL
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^{R}: MATT: EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Governour acquaints that Christian Kell and Thomas Houlet who run from shipp King William to Pollicat and returned hither on ye 5th Instant, he ordered them to the Gun Room Crew and on the 12th Instant four other Seamen Viz^{t}: John Verone, John Tea, Thom^{s} Laythorne and William Michell wch is approv'd.

M^{r}. Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: Sea Custome.

Ordered that Peter Johnson now of ye Gun Room Crew, be Employed as Armourer for fixing the Locks and cleaning the barrells of guns &c^{a} at four Pag^{s} a month.

M^{r}. Hiller being examined, doth deny that he ever heard or knew anything of ye Protest lately deliver'd by M^{r}. Wessondonck in the Court of Admiralty or that M^{r}. Wessendonck or his wife hath concealed any part of their Estate in his hands as by the following Examination.

CHA: BARWELL. — NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT. — JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON. — FFRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT. — RO: BRADDYLL.

The Examination of M^{r}. Joseph Hiller.

Q If you know any thing concerning the Protest deliver'd by M^{r}. Wessendonck lately in Court against the Govern^{r}: and Councill and both Courts; wee esteem you obliged as you are the Honble: Comp^{s}: servant to discover all you know, and who have been the advisers or assistants therein and wee req^{e}: you to discover all you know.

A I did assist M^{r}. Wessendoncke in his acco^{ts}: & businesse but never knew any thing of the Protest nor heard of it till after deliver'd and if I had would have acquainted the Judge of it for I allways advised him to leave his businesse to the Arbitrators.

Q Did you recommend M^{r}: Fowles to him and engage for his secresy.

A M^{r}. Wessendonck desired me to procure him one that could write and I recommended M^{r}. Fowles and told him that M^{r}. ffowles had passed his word to me that he would be secrett in his businesse w^{ch}: I did out of charity to the man he having no bread to eat.

Q M^{r}. Wessendonck hath long considered this and foreseeing the issue, hath endeavoured to conceal his Estate by placing it in others hands. Hath be placed any in yours.

A Hee hath placed none in mine. Hee now ow's me about 15 Pag^{s} upon account.

Q Have you received nothing from his wife.

A No thô I don't know what my wife hath rec^{d} nor doe I know of any thing that is or hath been in my house.

Q Is not he concern'd in the Ship Conim^{r}: Merchant.

A His wife is concern'd in a little adventure about twenty Pag^{s}:

A note dated the 26th December 1696 subscribed by Violante and directed

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to M^{r}: Hiller being read, wherein she desires him to unlade the ship Conimeer Merchant and take care they are not wronged in the ffrieght which ship hath passed in the name of M^{r}. Hiller.

Q What is the meaning of this note.

A I know not, I never received it, or such note nor heard of it.

Q For what reason did you goe to M^{r}: Dubois to desire him not to deliver it, to prevent the ruein of your family.

A M^{r}: Dubois had told me that there were two notes.

14 Last night ship Wellfare Andrew Goodman Master sailed for ffort S^{t}: David

15 Received a Letter from Percolla Chenewashell Avaldar of Trivetore &c^{a}: desireing to spare him two Candy of Powder and one and a halfe Candy of Lead To which returned answer, that the Junkanneer Allebux stopping all things and persons from goeing out and comeing in they could not be sent.

The Junkanneers Servant w[rote]a letter to Serapa adviseing him to make up the businesse between the Govern^{r}: and his master Serapa was ordered to give him the same answer as before Viz^{t}: to demand the restoration of the stolne goods. The Junkan^{r}: having sent alike message to Doct^{r}: Brown, he was ordered to ride out that way and tell him the Governour would hear no proposals till the goods were delivered: and D^{r}: Brown reports that upon his delivering the answer the Junkanneer ordered the delivery of the goods to him to bring with him but one Bensee, his Jentue Conacoplee advised the Junkanneer to stay.

A letter received this Evening from Amirjeahn in Armenian adviseth his arriveall at the Camp on Tuesday last and delivery of Letter and Present that Evening to the Nabob, and that the Nabob hath accepted y^{e}: Present.

16 Kisnadas Chief of the Peons at Tandore adviseing that the Junkanneer had sent 3 Peons and a Conacopla thither to demand Mangavallee money from the Inhabitants, he was ordered not to permit them to receive any or to give any trouble to y^{e}: Inhabitants but to turne them out of Tandore.

Wrote a letter to the Nabob complaining of the Allebuxees Injuries and Robberyes and sent it wth: a Coppy to Amirjeahn, to deliver if he sees cause and wrote to him to take particular care to gett a Perwanna prohibiting the Junkanneer's placeing Junkans or watching places within any part of our bounds and to prevent that troublesome demand of Mangavalle money.

Att ten a clocke at night D^{r}: Brown brought wth: him twenty one bundles of cloth accompan^{d}: wth: three of the Junkanneers servants Serapa being sent for was ordered to put them into a Godowne and to deliver the key to the Junkann^{r}: servant that an account may be taken on Monday of the tale. They say that the Broad cloth and Painting cloth will allso be deliver'd on demand.

17 Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 13th: Instant wth: their account Curr^{t}: and Journal parcells from y^{e}: p^{mo}: may 1697 to the ultimo August Ditto.

The Painters received all their painting cloths from the Junkanneer except seven pieces.

[The Junkann^{r}] having sent to buy 10 mercall of rice which being stopped by the watching Peons for order, Hee in the mean time seized 40 (or) 50 head of cattle as returning from graseing, but upon receipt of the rice dismist them.

Bensa, Vellapilla and Gruapilla y^{e}: three Conacop[l^{s}:] of the Junkanneer desireing to come into Towne, order was given not to permit one of them nor any person belonging to the Junkanneer to come into town, except such as brought with them such goods as they have stop'd.

18 Bensee brought the remaining part of the Merchants Callicoes and delivered the same & what brought before to Serrapa by tale.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY Do.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NAT^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL M^R: CHARLES BARWELL
M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Charles Fleetwood requesting leave to practice as an attorny in the Court of Admiralty and Mayors Court. The Secretary is ordered upon his payment of ffive Pags; into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash to signifie our approveall to both Courts.

Order'd that Pags: two thousand and sixty be paid to Mr: John Styleman and Nathl; Stone being both Principal and Interest due upon a bond dated 18th June 97. for 2,000 pa: at 9℔ Cent.

A petition from Mr: Stephenson alias Wessendoncke dated this day (as Entred in ye; Coppy booke of Letters) read, wherein it is observed that he asserts that neither the Charter nor laws of England doe allow the oath of a Heathenish Infidell, whereas in his Protest, he protests against the Court for not suffering four of his Jentue wittnesses to be sworne.

Order'd that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr Matt: Empson Paymastr: to defray charges Garrison.

Order'd that the Attorney Generall doe prefer an information in the Court of Admiralty against Mr: John Stephenson als Wessendoncke for the great affront he hath put upon the Government of this place, by the scandalous and malicious false suggestions and allegations in his Protest deliver'd in the Court of Admiralty on the 6 Instant, against ye: Governr: and Councill, Court of Admiralty and Mayor's Court.

Having just reason to suspect as well from the examination of Mr: Hiller on the 14th Inst. as from his intimate conversation wth: Mr: Wessendoncke and all disaffected persons yt: Mr: Hiller hath been privy, encourageing and assistant to Mr: Wessendoncke in the scandalous Protest delivered in Court. It is resolved that he be suspended from the R. Hon: Comps: service unlesse he doe on Monday the 25th Inst: give us satisfaction in his innocense, or ingeniously confesse, It being indispensably necessary to discourage and put a stop to such base treacherous practices by exemplary punishment.

Mr: John Styleman & Nathl: Stone pay into the R. H. Comps: cash Pags: one thousand at 8 ℔ cent Intrest ℔ an: for 6 months for which bond order'd to be given.

Order'd that forty Pags: be paid to ye: new painters besides the 60 mentioned in Consultn: dated the 2d: of September.

RO: BRADDYLL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT.	JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS ELLIS.
	E: TREDCROFT.

The Junkanneer order'd all his meets to suffer all things to passe as usual. 19TH

Received from Amirjeahn a letter adviseing ye: Nabob had given orders for 20 the necessary Perwanna's, but Wottunchund delayed, being dissatisfied wth: the smallnesse of the present sent him but is endeavouring to gett all desired. In the meantime sent one on the Junkanneer whereof the Copy follows Vizt.

Alle bux must know by writeing of the Captain of Chinnapatnam, I come to understand that you give trouble for his Towns and you sett meets contrary to Sallabad and you stop Merchandise goods. Therefore I write you this have a care don't give trouble for their towns which are given them, what goods you keep lett

them goe don't you make new things. Lett all things passe according to ancient Custom. In this thing you may reckon that I check you. Dated the 12th Rabalacheer, anno 41.

THURSDAY 21s

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON, ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN. MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pags: three Hundred be paid to Mr: Daniel Chardin being for one bill drawn by the Governr: and Councill of Fort St: David dated ye: 13th Instant, as advised in the Generall Letter of do: date.

The Arrac farmers pay into the R Hone: Comps: Cash Pags: 266: 24 fanams for two months on that account and the Tobacco farmers Pa: 241: fa: 24 on that account for one month Ending the 16th September last.

Captain Henry Harnett pays into the Rt: Hon: Companys Cash Pags: one thousand at Eight ℔ cent Interest ℔ annum for three months, for which Bond is ordered to be given him.

Whereas in Consultation dated the second of August, wee contracted wth: Serrapa &ca: merchts: for their takeing off the Dammaged Broad cloth by the Sidney and Madrasse at the prices twas valued which valuation is made by so many Pags: upon each piece, but the price of the sound pieces not being stated. It is hereby declared the prices are Pags: 18: 18 fans: for Broad cloth Ordinary and Pags: 36 for aur[ora] at which rates the amount of the said Damaged cloth is as follows vizt.

Broad cloth ordinary Ps. 329 at Ps. 18½	...	...	Pa: 6086. [18]
Aurora 35 36	...	...	1260:
			7346: [18]
Deduct the amount of the damage as valued by the warehouse keepr: &ca	... ...	...	1674:
Remaines the amount of Damag'd cloth	...	...	5672: [1]

for which sume of Pags: 5672½ Serrapa: &ca: Merchts: are answerable and are to deliver the amount thereof in Callicoes (as they now agree) upon the terms of the Current Contract, after the determination thereof in the months of July and August 1698 by even portions.

Ordered that the following goods of the King Williams dammaged Cargo, according to a Lis[t] now produced by the warehousekeeper be sold at outcry by him on Thursday next the 28th Instant at the Godown and that he cause bills to be put up at the Sea Gate & Choultrey Gate in English, Portuguez, Gentu & Malabar to give notice thereof, expressing the perticulrs: at which outcry such of the Councill as are at leisure to attend, viz.

			Md.	lb.
Sticklack	...	Candy	7	5 9
Gallingall	...	Pecull	74	--: 118
Pepper	...	Candy	73	2: 14
Ditto more Dammaged	...		44	12: 6
Ditto Dust and Dirt	...		27	17: 5
Old gunnys and Ropes and wrappers.				

RO: BRADDYLL. E: TREDCROFT.
THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
MR: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

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Wee the Checca Serapa &c^a^: Chiefs of the Hundred share merchants doe acknowledge to have [rece^d^:] of Nathaniel Higginson Esqr: Govern^r^: &^ca^: Councill of ffort S^t^: George for affairs of the R Honble: English East India Company Pieces 329 of Broad cloth ordinary and pieces 35 of Aurora dammaged, the value whereof is by computation m[utually] agreed Pag^s^: 5672: 18 fanams for w^ch^: sume [of] Pag^s^: 5672: 18 fan^s^: wee doe hereby oblige ourselves and Hundred share merchants, to deliver unto the said Govern^r^: and Councill in the months of July and August next the same amount in Callicoes according to the sorts, proportions prizes and term's mentioned in our last Contract for pag^s^: 52,650 dated [y^e^:] seventh June 1697. In wittnesse whereof we have hereunto sett our hands and seales in Fort S^t^.: George this 25th: day of Octob^r^.: 1697.

	CORNAPA.	காரணப்பா	○
	CHICA SERAPA.	చక్కసర్ప్పయ	○
	IAPA CHITTEE	அய்யப்பன்	○
	NADRAYA	நடராயன்	○
	PERPAUDUM	பொற்பாதம்	○
	SURA VINCATE RAMA.	వెంకటరామునివ్రాలు	○
[Signed & Sealed . . .]	RAGGA CHITTEE	ருகன்	○
[in the presence of	COPERTE CASH	కొప్పరపుకాశివ్రాలు	○
THOMAS WIGMORE.	VINCATE KISNA.	వెంకటక్రిష్టమవ్రాలు	○

AT A CONSULTATION — MUNDAY 25

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUT: GEN^LL^: OF INDIA

M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL	M^R^
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT	M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^r^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r^: Hugh Kennedy pays into the R. H. Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: 76-9 fanams six fanams being the balance of his own account w^th^: the R. H. Comp^a^: and Pag^s^: 76·3 fanams on acco^t^: Charles ffleetwood, being so much due from Hugh Kennedy to said ffleetwood by judgement of the Court of Admir^ty^:

Ordered that a coppy of the Agent and Councill of Bengall's answer to the Attorny Generall's Queries, dated the 28th: August last relateing to M^r^: Peachie, be delivered him.

M^r^: William Fraser pays into the R^t^: Honble: Comp^s^: cash Pag^s^: six hundred on acco^t^: goods sold out of the Godowne.

Serapa &^ca^: Joint Stocke Merchants signed the Contract for dammaged Goods received by ships Sidney and Madrasse dated this day.

There being great occasion for a good military officer at Yorke Fort Nathaniel Eaton [an] Ensigne of ffort St. David being here who is as esteemed a fitting person for that Employm^t^: and also capable of Civill employment & a sober and trusty man, It is resolved that he be entertained as a factor to serve the R. H. Co^y^ at Yorke Fort youngest of Councill and to be Lieutenant of that Garrison at thirty pounds ₱ annum as youngest of Councill, besides his Lieutenants pay at 25 Dollars ₱ mensem to Commence from his arriveall there and that he repair to Fort St. David so soone as may be to settle his businesse there and returne hither in order to proceed for York Fort by the first conveyance. In the meantime to officiate in this Garrison as Ensigne. And promise was given him that if he behaved himselfe well and the R^t^. Honble: Company doe not otherwise order, he shall rise in that Councill as vacancies offer and that

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after three years service or upon six months notice in case of sicknesse he may returne and enjoy his station in the Civil or Military as the R. Honble: Comp^{s}: occasions require.

M^{r}: Hiller having delivered a paper w^{ch}: is now read and order'd to be entred after this Consultation and the same containing no confession nor giveing satisfaction he was called in and asked whether he had any thing more to say. He answered that he had no more to say, but desired [to know his doom, that he did] not approve of being suspended, but if he must suffer he would be dismissed at once and that his time was expired and he would serve no longer which Mr: Hiller expressed wth: great passion, mixing odd impudent threatning & provokeing language wth: his discourse (thô^{r}: frequently desired to forbear) in such manner as gives reason to thinke that he came wth an advised resolution to affront and provoke us, intimateing in his discourse as if others were concerned and the whole would come out.

Ordered that Antony Gomes be entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison.

There being three or four thousand Plants of severall sorts of trees fitt to transplant. The Paymaster is order'd to Plant them by M^{r}: Heathfields Garden in row's at convenient distances, which when grown up will serve for firewood and a convenient dwelling place for weavours.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R. Honble: Comp^{s} : cash Pag^{s}: five hundred on account Sea Custome.

The Attorney Generall reports that the Court [have given ju]dgement against Ranga Chittee for the forfeiture of 1200 Pag^{s} : for not standing to an arbitration in a controversy depending between him and Serapa, which the Judge declares was granted upon the Attorney Generall's motion, partly to co[mpell] Ranga Chittee to bring that controversy to a conclusion, which he had a long time avoided and partly for an example to shew the force of arbitration Bonds.

The question being put how much Ranga Chittee ought to pay. It is upon a middle calculate resolved that the Attorney-Generall doe demand of him Pag^{s}: two hundred in full satisfaction.

The Attorney Generall allso reports a Judgem^{t}: of the Court of Admiralty against Anc[ona] upon the forfeiture of his bond dated the 14th: ffebru^{ry}: 169$\frac{4}{5}$ in three hundred pag^{s} : for his good behav^{r} : which su͞me the Attorney Generall is ordered to demand and receive.

Ordered that the sealed Bundle of Papers received from Bengall wth: their Generall Letter by ship welfare the 27th : past intituled M^{r}: Jeremiah Peachies Persia and Gentue Papers N°: 6 be opened by the Secretary and Attorney-Generall in the [presence of M^{r}: Peachie and that] the same be by them examined with the List thereof sent from Bengall, and that M^{r}: Peachie doe seperate such papers as relate to his private affairs from those relateing to the R^{t}. H. Company, to the intent that his own papers may be deliv^{d}: to him, and the R^{t}. Honble: Comp^{s}: returned to Beng^{ll}: after the finishing M^{r}: Peachies account here.

The Choultrey justices report their Examination of the difference in accounts between M^{rs}: Monke and the rest of the arrac farmers. That she oweth no more then Eighteen Pag^{s}: to the Stocke and that the demand of 154 Pag^{s}: for exchange in money and over measure was due from the Conacoplee and that for the pretended difference in the goodnesse of the Arrac they find by trial one as good as the others. The Arracmen being sent for, declare their number to be besides M^{rs}: Monkes quarter part thirty shares, whereof nine doe declare themselves willing to goe on wth: M^{rs}: Monke, and the rest that they are not willing and that they shall allways quarrel if she joins with them.

Resolved that the Arrac farme be granted [unto [Ayarang]apa, Ayarangapa and [Chapan] Chittee &c^{a} :] Arracmen who farmed it y^{e}: last three years, for the ensueing year at eighteen Hundred Pag^{s}: that cast being the fittest [persons] for carrying on that businesse, and experience proveing that they and M^{rs} : Monke have not agreed the last year and she being a person who by her

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influence hath done much mischief in the Place by perverting severall from our church to the Roman Catholick, and in that respect not deserveing incouragement. It is permitted to the Arrac men to take any other person or persons into their partnership whome they shall thinke usefull for mannageing their businesse and their names to be declared and inserted in their Cowle, except Mrs: Monke they giveing security for dischargeing their Arrears due the last of this month by the tenth of November and pay in monthly Pags; one hundred fifty in Pags: and not fanams on the first day of every month. The first Payment to be on the first day of December next, and one Pagoda: a day for every day's failure till paid. [Mrs: Monke having] given great offence to the neat [neighbour]hood by distilling arrac in her house [ ] walls. It is ordered that notes be sett upon the sea gate in English & Portugueze, forbidding all persons distilling arrac within the walls in large stills except what distilled by the Doctors for Physical or Hospital use.

A letter from Vizagapatam dated 10 Instant read adviseing a new rebellion of Somberdu &ca: Rajahs, whose fforces in a battle had taken and slain the Sier Lascar and the greatest part of his Army upon which occasion they desire to be supplyed with men arm's and amunition, which can't be sent till the change of the monsoon.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT. GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT: HONBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AND TO THE WORPLL: COUNCILL IN FFORT ST. GEORGE.

In complyance to your Honr: &ca: Councills result of Consultation the 18th: Instant, I shall to the best of my knowledge give your Honr: what satisfaction possible I can, as to what you charge me withall.

To the first part of the charge which you suspect me, is from my examination of the 14th: Instant. I cannot well remember the contents thereof therefore cannot answer thereto, It being a great defect in me not to write downe what I then said.

I doe acknowledge to have had a conversačon wth: Mr: Wessendonck, but not any way in ye: least as to what you are pleased to tax me wth: nor have I at any time been aiding, contriving or assisting to him in the Protest. I have conversed wth: most of the Inhabitants of this Place, but never found any disaffected, But had your Honr: &ca: Councill been so favourable: to have given me but the least caution that I should [not have] conversed wth: any person that was [suspected so], I should have for[born] had it been [my Father, and] then these [suspicions might] not have been, and if I had continued to have kept any society after that, I could thene have had nothing to answer for myselfe.

And now if by my ignorance I have com[itted] so great a fault that nothing will pacifie nor mitigate, but that I must be suspended the Rt: Honble: Compa: service, I have not farther to plead my obedience being ever ready to obey what your Honble: &ca: Councills result sh[all] be therein.

Honble: Sr:
Yor: Honr: &ca: Counc[ils,]
most humble Servt:
JOSEPH HILLER.

Fort St. George
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26 Spie Braminie from the Camp adviseth that the Nabob hath sent Ramrajahs son to Chingee and hath sent him word that the Mogull doth not approve of his proposealls but hath ordered him to take Chingee & [that] he intends to goe in a few days.

Reported that the Rannah being lately dead ye: Morrattas forces are goeing to Conquer ye: Country which may delay their comeing into these parts.

WEDNESDAY 27

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall Letters to the Agent & Councill of Bengall, and to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam both dated yesterday read approved and signed. Allso a Letter to the Commander of any ship belonging to the Rt: Honble: Company at Vizagapatam.

RO. BRADDYLL NAT: HIGGINSON
MR: EMPSON JO: STYLEMAN
E: TREDCROFT FFRANCIS ELLIS

Dispatched, Generall Letters to the Agent & Councill of Bengall and to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam both of yesterdays date.

Ship Dolphin Owen Channel master arrived from York Fort in the evening by whome received a Generall Letter dated 26 July 97. & papers as ℘ [List.]

The following order was signed by the Governr: and Councill Vizt:

Ship Dolphin being arrived from York Fort wth: 109 Bahr: 425 lb Pepper and 2 Bahr: 352 lb Dammar. The same is ordered to be unladen wth: all expedition.

ROGER BRADDYLL EDWARD TREDCROFT
CHARLES BARWELL NATHL: HIGGINSON
MATTHEW EMPSON JOHN STYLEMAN
FRANCIS ELLIS

FRIDAY 29TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Resolved that ship Dolphin be immediately dispatched back to Bencoolen if the weather will permit her unladeing, if not that she be in readinesse either to proceed for ffort St: David or put to sea as occasion requires. [In order to which the warehousekeeper is] ordered to cause the things to be unladen wth: all expedition, if possible tomorrow.

The Paymaster to provide the stores necessary for the ships voyage and a new sett of Lascars to be paid four months Pay. Allso to Impress three months Pay to the English there being one due to them, and all ready to goe off to night or tomorrow, and to take care they have sufficient provision sent off in due time

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for the voyage. In the meane time to send off 50 mercall rice and some saltfish, to serve the ships Company in case they be driven to sea by foule weather.

That the Accomptant cause the account of the ship Dolphin to be stated and sent w[th]: the ship if it can be done.

Ordered that the Paymaster cause the stores wrote for from York Fort to be provided and Laden Viz[t] : such as were not sent by the Madrasse frigat.

Ordered that the following bills drawn by the Govern[r] : & Councill of York Fort (as advised in their Generall Letter dated 26th : July last) payab[le] : at 6 days sight be pd : as usual at 17 Rls. ℔ tale for 10 Pag[s] : [ ] 17

	Rls,	s.	Pags.
[To Matt : Emp]son for one Bill dat[d] : 15th July 97 :	134 :	3 :	79 : [9 : 3 :]
[To Sam[ll] : Browne for one bill] dat 15 July 97	250 :	...	147 : [2 : ...]
[To Dan[l] : Chardin & Sarah Blackwall d[o]] ...	720 :		423 : [19 : ...]
Dolls :	1104 :	[3 P :	649 : 30 : 3 :] [ ]

The Generall Letter from York Fort dated the 26th : July last with their Consultation relating to the affairs of Priamong read. Wherein they charge M[r] : Frith the Chief w[th] : supplying the Rebecca Interloper w[th] : the R. Hon : Comp[s] : Pepper notwithstanding their advices to the contrary, upon which they have discharged him from that station and appointed M[r] : Darly in his Place. Ordering the reunion of Sultan Guilimot Raja Addill and Raja Macoota, and if that cannot be effected to treat w[th] : the old Emperor.

The Monsoon being every day expected and therefore necessary to send the ship backe so soone as she can be unladen and balasted which the Mucqaw men promise to perform tomorrow. It is recommended to each of the Councill to consider of the directions to be given to the West Coast, and that wee meet tomorrow immediately after dinner to finish our advices.

NAT : HIGGINSON. RO : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN. M : EMPSON.
FFRANCIS : ELLIS. E : TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 30TH

Present

THE HON[BLE] : NATH[L] : HIGGINSON ESQ[R] : LIEUT : GEN[LL] : OF INDIA.
M[R] : JOHN STYLEMAN M[R] : FRANCIS ELLIS
M[R] : ROGER BRADDYLL M[R] : CHARLES BARWELL
M[R] : M[R] : MATTHEW EMPSON
M[R] : EDWARD TREDCROFT

Ordered that John Gomes a Portuguez souldier who came upon ship Dolphin from the West Coast be Entertained as a souldier in this Garrison at five fan[s] : ℘ mensem more then ordinary Portuguez Pay.

Ordered that John Scott be Entertained to serve y[s] : R[t] : Hon[ble] : Company as Gunner of York Fort being [a] sober trusty man, and to goe upon the Dolphin, Generall Letter to York Fort dated 29th : Instant read and approved, and the weather being uncertaine, It is ordered that the Letters &[c] : w[ch] : can be sent aboard to night and the Mast[r] : ordered to sail and proceed for Bencoolen in case

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a storme rises in the night. The greatest part of the Pepper being unlanden, and if any small remainder abo[ard] it is better to continue it then to expose the ship to the hazard of being driven ashore by storme.

RO : BRADDYLL.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
M : EMPSON.	JO : STYLEMAN.
E : TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS : ELLIS.

31 An order of this date signed and deliver'd the Mast^{r}: of the Dolphin, ordering him to sail for York Fort so soone as unladen and balasted wth: a Pacquet N^{o}: 1 containing Duplicates of our Generalls to Priamong and York Fort by the Madrasse allso Coppy of ship Madrasse Invoice.

This Evening sent of Pacquet N°. 2, Cont: a Generall to York Fort dated the 29th: The unlading of the Pepper was finished this evening.

Sent off stores, Iron stone, Ballast, John Scott and six souldiers, and Pacquet No. 3, containing Invoice &c^{a}: but no Bill of Lading could be sent the Master being aboard.

The Master of the Dolphin adviseing that they wanted six Boats of ballast, order was given for sending them off. The weather having been ever since the ships arriveall rainy and gusty, and the ship lyeing far out most of y^{e}: Boats broken or disabled so that no more balast could be sent off, the Governour sent an order by the said boat about seven a clocke at night to the master to sail, there being an appearance of a storme, it was necessary that the ship gett an offing before it begun.

NOVEMBER 1ST The last night ship Dolphin sailed and in the morning appeared Hove too at E^{t}: S^{o}: E^{t}: the wind about N^{o}: N^{o}: E^{t}:

MONDAY ♃ MO.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : LIEUT : GEN^{LL} : OF INDIA

M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN	M^{R} : FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R} : ROGER BRADDYLL	M^{R} :
M^{R} :	M^{R} : MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r} : John Foquett Rentall Generall read his acco^{t}: of the Quitrents for the year ending September 1696, amounting to Pag^{s}: 2047 : 11 fan^{s}: from whence Pag^{s}: 106: 17 fan^{s}: being deducted for charges & losse on Houses belonging to poor people & destroyed. He now pays in the balance of that account being Pag^{s}: 211, 14 fan^{s}: whereof one hundred false fan^{s}: which are ordered to be deliver'd to the Mintm^{r}: to be melted downe and the value paid into Cash.

Allso his account of the Scavengers Duty Ending the 30th: September 1697. amounting to Pag^{s}: 372: [32] from whence deducting charges & allowance Pag^{s}: 185: 27 : 3. Hee now pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{es}: cash the balance being Pag^{s}: 187: 4 : 3.

M^{r} : Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays : into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys Cash Pag^{s} : five hundred on account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 895 : 26 : 3 : be paid to M^{r}: Matt : Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^{r}: Peachie being sent for and desired to de[liver his rep]ly to the Agent and Councill of Bengalls answer (if he had any to make) mentioned in Consultation of the 25th: past. Hee answer'd, he had nothing material to reply more then what he had allready answer'd in the Court.

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MR : Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account disbursements for the month of Septembr : last perticulars Vizt :

Charges Garrison	P	925 : 3
Charges Diett	„	240 : ...
Factors Provisions	„	229 : ...
Charges Generall	„	505 : 35
Charges Cattle	„	14 : 35
Vizagapatam Factory	„	1 : ...
Yegmore &ca : New Townes	„	... : 18
Account Presents	P	1253 : 34
West Coast	„	216 : 23
Charges Merchandize	„	14 : 3
Ship King Williams Cargo	„	292 : 14
Charges Extraordinary	„	13 : 26
Bengall	„	5 : 0
Fortifications &ca :	„	54 : 11
	Pags :	3768 : 21

Orderd that Pags : one thousand be paid to Serapa &ca : Merchants in full of the three thousand Pags: payable to them by contract on this day, and they alledgeing that they have brought in cloth to the amount of near ten thousand Pags : more then they are obliged by contract, thô : the same have not been washed by reas [on] of the washers being imployed about the King Wm : Cargo and allso alledgeing that this is a convenient time for the delivery out of money in order to the procury of cloth against January. And also that they doe now pay Interest for Eight thousand Pags : borrowed for carrying on the Investment. The consideration thereof is referred to next consultation day and the Accomptant and warehousekeepr : are order'd to produce a Calculate of the Merchants cloth Embaled and Brown.

A Letter from Amijeahn from the Camp recd : yesterday and an answer thereunto dated this day read.

M : EMPSON. NAT : HIGGINSON.
E : TREDCROFT. JO : STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.

Received a Generall Letter from the President & Council [of Surat dated the 27 July] 1697. 4

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated the 3rd : Instant. 7

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 8TH

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT : GENLL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR :
MR : ROGER BRADDYLL MR :
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : MATTHEW EMPSON
MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

An account produced by the accomptant being perused, it doth thereby appear that Serapa &ca : Merchants have brought Callicoes into the Godowne to the amount of about five thousand Pags : more then they were obliged to deliver by this time, and whereas they alledged they had provided cloth at severall parts ready for bringing hither Vizt : at ffort St : David about Pagods : 2000, Corna about Pags : 1000. Kisnapatam Pags : 3000. The ffort St : David Letter of the 3d :

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Instant confirming that part of their allegation & there being no reason to discredit the rest, and since the new unexpected troubles and disappointm^{t}: at Vizagapatam renders it the more necessary for us to procure all the Callicoes wee can here It is resolved in order to enable Serapa &c^{a}: Merch^{ts}: to hasten the Investment and keep the Loom's Employed that four thousand Pag^{s}: be now paid them in further part of their Contract dated the seventh June last.

Ordered the Bills be given to Stephen ffrewen for three thousand Pag^{s}: now paid by him into y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash payable wth: Eight ℔ Cent Interest in four months or sooner if there shall be sufficient Cash.

The Arrac farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon : Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 416 : 24 fanams on that account.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Matt : Empson Paym^{r}: for defraying charges garrison.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Land Custom^{r}: read his acco^{t}: Land Customs for the month of October last perticulars Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custome	Pag^{s}:	269 : 15 : 35
Rubie Brokers	,,	22 : 22 : 30
Cloth Brokers	,,	9 : 31 : 63
New Town rents	,,	167 : = : =
	Pag^{s}:	468 : 33 : 48

and pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys Cash Pagodas 467 : 17 : 48 being the balance of that months acco^{ts} :

Serapa acquainting us that there is about one thousand pieces of Long cloth, one thousand pieces Bettella's and one thousand p^{s} : salamp^{r}: ready to be sorted, and M^{r} : Ellis being ill, It is ordered that the other sorters doe resort at all times to the sorting godown when there is cloth to be sorted and sort the same whether the warehousekeeper be there or not.

Ordered that Joseph demount a Castiliano be Entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison.

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 3^{d}: Instant with answer thereunto of this date, read and approved.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his Sea Custom accounts for the months of September and October last perticulars Viz^{t}:

Sept^{r}:	To Custom on Goods and Imported & Exported this month.	P :	2249 : 24 : 54
	To Ditto on grain	,,	0761 : 22 : 95
	To Anchorage	,,	0102 : 18 : =
	To Tonnage	,,	47 : 8 : =
	To Salvage as ℔ particulars	,,	96 : 15 : =
		Pag^{s}:	3257 : 16 : 3
October.	To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month.	P :	8 : 32 : 75
	To Ditto on Grain	,,	64 : 29 : 40
	To Anchorage	,,	24 : 18 : =
	To salvage for y^{e}: halfe a rudder sold.	,,	3 : 13 : 50
		Pag^{s}:	101 : 21 : 3

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Mr : Roger Braddyll warehousekeepr : pays into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Pagodas Seven Hundred on account Goods sold.

Hee[allso read his Mi]ntmasters account for the months of August, September & October last and pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 163 : 30fa : 20ca : being the amount of custom for coinage of Gold for Ditto months. And his Accot : Coinage of silver for the months of August and September. The amot : of Custom for said months being rupees 330 : 14 anns :

CHA : BARWELL.	NAT : HIGGINSON.
THO : WRIGHT.	JO : STYLEMAN.
M : EMPSON.	FFRANCIS : ELLIS.
E : TREDCROFT.	RO. BRADDYLL.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to ffort St : David of yesterdays date. 9

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 11TH

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT : GENERALL OF INDIA.

MR : JOHN STYLEMAN	MR :
MR : ROGER BRADDYLL	MR :
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT	MR MATTHEW EMPSON

MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Collimenta da Fonseca Portuguez be Entertained to serve as a Souldier in this Garrison.

[Mr : William Fra]ser read his account of the warehouse for the month of September last and pays into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Pags : 38 : fa. 9 : ca. 3 : as the balance of his account produced.

Allso his storekeepers accot : for the months of August and September last and pays into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Pags : 707 : 3 fanams as the balance of that account except Pags : 87 : fa 13 : ca 40 : said to be standing out in Debts as ℔ List.

Ordered that Pags : seven hundred be paid to Mr : Matt : Empson Paymr : for defraying chargs : Garrison.

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash for the month of October the balance being Pags : 4,374 : 29 : 5 :

Translate of a letter from Amirjeahn recd : 9th : Inst : & a copy of his Petition to Zulphaker Cawn read.

The Governour produces severall papers of complts : made by Padre Cosmo against Padre Miguel, wherein many things doe appear worthy of further consideracon and inquirey, in order to wch : It is resolved that wee meet tomorrow at three a clocke in the afternoone, and that the French Capuchin Padres be all order'd to attend.

[CHA : BARWELL.]	NAT : HIGGINSON.
THO : WRIGHT.	JO : STYLEMAN.
M : EMPSON.	FFRANCIS : ELLIS.
E : TREDCROFT.	RO : BRADDYLL.

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FRIDAY [12TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON, ESQR: LIEUTENANT-GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR:
MR:	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The four French Padres appearing and the Complt: of Padre Cosmos and their answer thereunto being considered. It appeared necessary for peace sake that Padre Cosmos may have liberty of liveing in their Garden seperate from the rest for the present which the rest of the Padres did in conformity consent too, thô they declare 'tis against ye: perticulr: rules of their Order the reasons whereof will appear in the account of the discourse which is to long to be here inserted, but is order'd to be Entred in the Coppy Booke of Letters with the Papers of the 10th: and 11th: Instants.

CHA: BARWELL.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT.	JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON.	FFRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.	RO: BRADDYLL.

14 Received Generall Letters from the Commodore &ca: at Anjengo dated the 24th: September & 15th: & 24th: October last, adviseing their troubles wth: the Queen & requesting a supply of souldiers and stores. Allso a Coppy of Callicut generall to Anjengo, dated the 11th: October adviseing the arriveall of the Adventure Gally Capt: Kidd Commander there on the 4th: ditto.

MONDAY 15TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT:-GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR:	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Arrac Farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 85 on that accot: and the Tobacco farmers Pags: 241: 24 fanams on that accot: for one month Ending the 16th: October 1697.

The Letters from Anjengo received yesterday were read adviseing that they have had two Engagements wth: the Queen's fforces sent to turne them out of her Countrey as Pirats in the latter whereof they slew the Nayr Captain routed his men, proceeded to burn the moors town and all the Houses between that and the ffort & retreated without the losse of one man. That they expect a further assault, and if the natives can at any time in peace or warr, by fair mean's or foul enter the ffort they will cutt all off and therefore for security of their lives and of the Fort they desire a supply of souldiers, Guns Ammunition and Provision & Stores as ℔ List which they fear cannot be spared from Bombay, and if a small vessell be sent therewith, they will returne her Laden wth: Pepper.

All which being considered, and it being probable: that Bombay cannot spare men and stores, & that if wee doe not supply them in two or three months, it will

not be in our power to send them any reliefe (whatever the occasion be) till the returne of the northerly monsoon in October 1698 and his Excellency &c^{a}: having in their Letter of the 10th: July 1696, order'd us to supply them as they shall have occasion wth: all they may be in want of. It is order'd that the Paymast^{r}: cause all things mentioned in their List now deliver'd to him to be provided wth: the greatest expedition if procureable, that they may be in a readines to be sent either [by] the Chambers ffrigat suddainly expected from Bengall or by the first other oppert[unity].

Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this date read and approved. Ordering the provideing [of] ten or twenty Topaz souldiers and as many slaves to be sent to Anjengo by the first oppertunity.

The Governour acquaints that yesterday Padre Cosmas came and told him that he and the rest of the French Padres were reconciled and desired that all the writeings which had passed relateing to their contention might be burned. It is thereupon order'd that they be not Entred as resolved on the 14th: Instant but to be kept for Justification of our proceedings, in case the ffrench Padres should complain of our intermedling wth: the rules of their Order.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 357 : 16 : 3 on account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: five hundred be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

There being many persons Entertained as Peons who are unfitt for that Service. The Paymaster is ordered to discharge such as are unfitt and entertaine fitter in their room, and reduce their number by twenty or thirty in a month to Three Hundred & fifty.

M^{r}: Ellis delivers a Paper in answer to the account remitted from Bengall by the balance whereof he is charged D^{r}: to the R^{t}: Honble: Campany Rupees 1767 : 6 : 0 and his account currant wth: the R^{t}: Honble: Company as stated by himselfe and an acco^{t}: Interest which are delivered to the Accomptant to examine with the account received from Bengall and report his opinion thereof.

THO: WRIGHT.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON.	JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS ELLIS.
	RO: BRADDYLL.

Dispatched a generall Letter to ffort St. David dated this day.

AT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 18TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA

M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN.	M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL.	M^{R}:
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT.	M^{R}:

M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two hundred and fifty be [paid to] M^{r}: Daniel Chardin, being for one Bill drawn by the Govr: and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 3^{d}: Instant.

M^{r}: Ellis read his acco^{t}: of the warehouse of goods for Europe for the month of October 1697.

THO: WRIGHT.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON.	JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
	RO: BRADDYLL.

[18TH]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1697—

18 Dispatch'd a generall Letter to the Commodore &ca: Councill at Anjengo dated 16th: Instant.

19 Dispatch'd a generall Letter to ffort St. David of this date.

21 Ship Tavestocke Capt: Samuel Jones Commandr: arriv'd in the road from England this afternoone the Purser comeing ashore adviseth that the Commandr: desired an Order for sending the Pacquett ashore.

22 An order to the Commander of Ship Tavestocke sent off this morning early by Mr: Henry Davenport for sending the Pacquett ashore by him. Allso the Monsoon being yet feared, and the Purser acquainting there were 50 chests of treasure aboard. The following order was signed by the Councill and sent off for sending the treasure ashore, and one of the Hone: Comps: servants sent in each Boat which comeing ashore towards noone, the surfe being raised by the increase of wind and High water, one of the Mussulas oversett and broke in pieces, wherein Mr: Batson Pearson and Mr: Henry Davenport came wth: six chests of Treasure and the Pacquet, Mr: Davenport saved himselfe by swimming, Mr: Pearson was drown'd and his body not found. The surfe then running high the Cattamarans could not worke for recovery of the chests of Treasure.

To Capt : Samuel Jones
Commr : of Ship Tavestocke.

You are hereby ordered to send ashore the Rt: Honble: Companys Pacquett by the bearer Mr: Henry Davenport and their treasure by such Boats as shall bring you an order from Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper. Dated in Fort St. George this twenty-second Day of November 1697.

Charles Barwell	Nathl: Higginson.
Thomas Wright.	John Styleman.
Matt: Empson.	Francis Ellis.
Edward Tredcroft.	Roger Braddyll.

Monday 22

Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieutent: Genll: of India

Mr: John Styleman	Mr: Francis Ellis
Mr: Roger Braddyll	Mr: Charles Barwell
Mr: Thomas Wright	Mr: Matthew Empson

Mr: Edward Tredcroft.

The Pacquett from the Rt: Honble: Company by shipp Tavistocke comeing ashore this morning the Councill mett, and being opened was found to contain as by the List thereof Entred after this Consultation and the severall Generall Letters were read.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper doe cause all the goods and treasure on said ship to be unladen.

Ordered that the Paymaster doe take care of the concern's of Mr: Batson Pearson, and bring the nett proceed of what Estate shall be found belonging to him, into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash.

Tho: Wright.	Nat: Higginson.
M: Empson.	Jo: Styleman.
E. Tredcroft.	ffrancis Ellis.
	Ro. Braddyll.

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LIST OF THE COMP^{S}: PACQUET TO THE FORT BY Y^{E}: TAVISTOCKE.

1. Comp^{s}: Generall Letter to the Fort dated the 16th: day of Apr^{l}: 1697.
2. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall Letter to the ffort dated 1st: July 1696 sent by the Sidney and Madrasse.
3. Copy of Ditto dated 7th: August 1696, sent via Surat & Overland.
4. Copy of Ditto dated 27 ditto by the Sidney and Madrasse.
5. Copy of Ditto dated the 8 December 1696, sent via Bencoolen ℘ y^{e}: Amity.
6. Invoice of the Tavistocke.
7. Bill of Lading Ditto.
8. Charterparty of the said ship.
9. 2 Pet^{ns}: & a Paper of complaint of M^{r}: Coventry wth: Copy of y^{e}: order of Court of the 29th: Dec^{r}: & of 2 reports of the 5th: January & 17th: February.
10. List of painted & other goods to be provided at the Coast for ye year 1698, being the sorts at present wanted so far as your stocke will enable you to provide them.

    Memorandum this being the very List of goods sent by y^{e}: King William, the Pattern's herein mentioned accompanyed that List whereunto wee refer you, not having fresh Pattern's by us at pres^{t}.
11. Indentures of Covenants for Thomas Harris to be a ffactor and Bonds to performe them.
12. List of stores by the Tavistocke are in y^{e}: Invoice aforesaid.
13. Letter of attorney from the minister &c^{a}: of Creed church touching M^{r}: Jacksons Legacy.
14. Auditor Generalls Letter to the ffort dated the 17th: April 1697 to be answer'd particularly Par^{a}: by Paragraph.
15. Copy of the Auditor Generalls Letter to the ffort dated the 23^{d}: January 1695-6 sent by the Sampson.
16. Comp^{s}: Generall to Bencoolen 16th: April 97 sent via Madrasse.
17. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to ditto dated 24th: Dec^{r}: 96 sent by y^{e}: Amity.
18. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to ditto dated the 8th: ditto sent by d^{o}: ship

    These wth the Invoice to be sent to Bencoolen.
19. Copy of M^{r}: Davis's acco^{t}: and Letter of attorney.
20. Copy of the ffree merchants Covenants & Bonds to ℘forme them which is allways in 1000 £.
21. List of Factors and writers for the Coast and Bay.
22. Contents and victualling Bill of the Tavistocke.
23. List of souldiers by the said ship.
24. Auditor Generall observations touching ffort S^{t}: Davids dated the 21 April 1697.
25. S^{r}: John Chardin's Bill of Exchange for 250£ Stlg. payable at Fort S^{t}: George or Bay of Bengall where y^{e}: Tavistock shall first arrive.
26. The Amities Invoice for York Fort.

In the afternoone the tyde and surfe abateing all endeavours being used by 22 Cattamarans Laskars and Divers till night they could not gett up the chests of treasure, being covered with sand and not to be come at till the water is smoother. A guard of 40 Peons and 12 Souldiers was appointed to watch the Place least any should cutt away the buoy ropes in the night.

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Tuesday 28

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Sarsapa &ca: Minters pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 352:16:3 being towards the balance due from them for clearing the account of silver Coinage.

The 59 Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Companys Letter by Ship Tavistocke ordering her to be Dispatch'd from hence in January or ffebruary next upon a supposition she would have arrived here gone to Bengall and returned hither wth: a good part of her Lading soon enough to be filled up here by that time.

It is considered.

That the late arrivall of the ship renders it all together impossible to comply wth: that order in the time assigned, because she cannot proceed to Bengall from hence before January or February and wee neither have nor can expect goods enough by that time here to lade so great a Ship, or if wee had wee must keep enough for the Sampson expected suddainly from Bengall, whose time will be then out.

But that the intention of the order may be prosecuted so far as can be. It is resolved that the Tavestocke doe proceed for Bengall so soon as the Monsoon will permit and returne from thence wth: a Ladeing of Saltpetre and Provisio[n] and so many goods for Europe as shall be then ready, and if wee shall be in a capacity to fill her up upon this Coast by Septembr: next, th [at] then she be dispatched from hence for Europe if not, that she returne in June or July next to Bengall to be Laden home from thence.

That the value of 30,000 silver received by this ship be coined into Rupees and so much thereof as shall be then coined be sent to Bengall by ditto Ship and only the remainder be sent in Dollars to make up the said amount of 30,000£.

The 51 Paragraph relateing to the subordination of Bengall to ffort St. George being considered. It is our unanimous opinion that they are in no respect subordinate to our direction except in the particulr: mentioned Vizt. The receiving and Judgeing of such appeals as shall be sent hither from thence.

The 59 Paragraph ordering an immediate advice to be sent to Bengall of the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders to us and there being no direction for sending a coppy of their Letter to Bengall wch: comes sealed & no co[py.] It is resolved that Coppys of the said 59 Paragraph and 51 (relating to their subordination to ffort St George) be sent them overland, but the Bengall Pacquett be reserved to be sent them by the Ship[p] as it is sealed it being not convenient to send the same overland.

The Rt: Honble: Companys Generall Letter dated the 16th: April 1697 in many parts complaining of an excesse of charges as well in this as in other ffactories, whereof there are many instances given in the Auditor Generall paper, It is ordered that the accomptant doe abstract the particulars and in the mean time that each of the Councill [doe consider of the proper methods] for retrenching [any extravaegant or needlesse charge.]

The warehousekeeper is order'd to cause two Packing Presses and two Cases No. 4 & 5 containing Paper &ca: to bee sent to Bengall by Ship Tavestocke when she goes according to the direction in the Invoice.

The Paymaster and Mr: Wright acquainting us that there are sixteen Timbers to be sold at 4 Pags: a piece which are both fitt and necessary for the service of ye: Garrison and worth that price. The Paymastr: is order'd to buy them.

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Ordered that the Papers relating to Mr: Coventry mentioned in the 46 Paragraph of the Rt: H: Comps: Generall, be delivered to Mr: Tredcroft, who being best acquainted with what past in Court relateing to Mr: Coventry, is ordered to report an answer to be sent home by the next ship.

The Victualing Bill and List of Goods Laden on the Ships Priviledge are delivered to the Sea Cust[om]r: and there being no List of goods laden on ffrieght. Hee is order'd to keep an account of all Imported [to] be sent home by the ship.

In persuance of the Rt: Honble: Company's orders in the 62 Paragraph. The Accomptant is ordered to make up all accounts of salary and wages for ye: future at the rate of nine shillings ℔ Pagoda and the like directions to be given to ffort St David and Vizagapatam,

The 55 Paragraph appointing Dr: Buckley to be [ye: sole chirurgeon of] this Place at the same salary and allowances on all accounts as was given Doctor Heathfield and assistance. The Paymastr: is ordered to inspect former accounts in Mr. Heathfields time and to report the salary allowances & assistance then allowed,

Generall Letter to his Excellency &ca: at Bombay to the Agent and Councill of Bengall and to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam, all dated this day read and signed.

THO: WRIGHT.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON.	JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS ELLIS.
	RO: BRADDYLL.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 20th: Instant. 23
Two of the chests of silver over sett yesterday, were taken up and brought ashore but the surfe riseing suddainly no more could be come at.

Dispatched Generall Letters to his Excellency &ca: at Bombay to the Chief 24
and Councill of Vizagapatam: and to the Agent and Councill of Bengall all dated yesterday adviseing the arriveall of ship Tavistock.

There being an appearance of blowing weather ship Tavistocke weighed this 25
morning and stood out to Sea.

This morning Mr: Pearson's body (being found near Covelon) was brought 26
to Town and Buried.

Received a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 10th: Instant, adviseing the arriveall of the Madrass frigat the 12th: October and that they dispatch'd her the 6th: Inst and wth: 184 bales to the west coast and their Diary and Consultation from ye [*lacuna*].

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 26

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Ordered that Mr: Charles Bugden be under searcher in the roome of Mr: Batson Pearson deceased.

The Sea Customer produceing a list of sundry particulars which have layn in the Sea Gate godown for some years, and thô: of small value are bu[lkey]. Hee is ordered to put said list upon the Sea G[ate, giveing notice that if the owners

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shall] not come & claim them within one month, they will be sold at outcry, which he is accordingly ordered to doe if no person shall demand them within that time.

Ordered that the Gold received by ship Tavistocke be immediately coined into Pag^s^: and that M^r^: Meverell M^r^: Marshall and M^r^: Matthews doe w^th^: M^r^: Braddyll see and attest the weight and melting as occasion requires.

Generall Letter received this day from Vizagapa^tm^: dated the 10th: Instant read.

Ordered that Pag^s^: ffive hundred be paid to M^r^: Matthew Empson Paym^r^: for defraying charges Garrison.

Discoursed on the 39th: Paragraph of the R^t^: H. Comp^s^: Generall by the Tavistocke concerning the method of disposeing of the Europe cloth. The further consideration whereof is referred till wee receive an account from the Joint stocke merchants what they have still remaining in their hands.

THO: WRIGHT.	NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON.	JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT.	FFRANCIS ELLIS.
	RO: BRADDYLL.

27 This morning the wind and surfe abateing the Remaining four Chests of treasure that was oversett in the surfe on the 22nd: Instant were weighed and brought ashore. The watch of 40 Peons & 12 sould^ers^: having been continued every night w^th^: orders to fire a muskett at the place where they lay every halfe hour.

28 This morning ship Tavistocke came to an anchor in the offing & in the afternoone came near^r^: in.

MONDAY 29

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUTEN^T^: GEN^LL^: OF INDIA

M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL	M^R^:
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT	M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

All the Councill being duely summoned.

There being a House belonging to Vincatachulum a Bramany, fled with Berra Timapa, and by him Mortgaged for 50 Pag^s^: and now condemned in the Mayors Court for payment of said Debt. The Attorney generall is ordered to take care that the overplus of the money be paid into the R^t^: Hon: Comp^s^: Cash in persuance of the order of Consultation.

The Register of the Court of Admiralty pays into the R^t^: Hon: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: two Hundred in full of Ranga Chittees fine as agreed by Consultation 25th: October last.

M^r^: Roger Braddyll read his account Coinage of Dollars pz. 3,500 (ozs) : 12 (dwt.), part of chest No. 337 by ship Madrasse. The nett proceed rupees 8,243: 8, anoes and his account of the warehouse for y^e^: month of October last.

In persuance of the 47 & 56 Parag^s^: of the R^t^: H: Companys Generall Letter by ship Tavestocke. The following is declared to be a standing rule.

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That Coppies of the Accounts of the Cash, Warehouse, Sea Customs, Paymasters, Mint, Choultry or Land Customs and stewards account, be by the respective persons whose duty it is to keep said accounts sent home to the Rt: Honble: Company together wth: the Generall books wherein the said accots: are Entred viz. for the whole time of the Generall books and that the Copps: of the said accot: from the first May last to the last of Decr: next be sent home by the next ship to the Rt: Honble: Company for their present satisfaction.

The Merchants having acquainted us that of the 900 halfe pieces of Broad cloth which they received on the contract made in June last they have disposed of 600 and have 300 remaining on their hands. And whereas by said Contract it is provided in consideration of their takeing off so large a quantity as 900 pieces wee were obliged not to sell any out of the godown under Pags: 20½ ꝑ halfe piece for the space of six months, that they might have time to dispose thereof wch: time doth expire on the 7th: Decr: next and whereas they have since received 325 halfe pieces, being the damaged cloth by ships Sidney & Madrasse upon the same term's with those of the said Contract. It is resolved that a proportionable further time be allowed for the disposeall of their cloth, and that the warehouse keepr: doe not sell any Broad cloth Ordinary under Pags: twenty and a halfe till the 10th: day of ffebruary next and that consequently the publication of the Rt: Honble: Company's order for selling their cloth by Outcry be deferred till that time.

NAT: HIGGINSON. RO: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
FRANCIS ELLIS. M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship Sedgwicke Lockere Watts master arrived from Vizagapatam, by whome ꝑmo received a Generall Letter from the chiefe &ca: dated the 22d: past.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St. David dated the 27th: Past.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 2d

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

fa. ca.
Mr: Daniel Chardin paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 588: 8: 3. being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by Sr: John Chardin of London for 250£: at 8: 6 (s. d.) ꝑ pago: Dated the 23d: April 1697.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymastr: for defraying charges garrison.

The Rt: Honble: Comps: servants and free merchants who came out upon ship Tavestocke being sent for produced their Indentures.

RT: HONble: COMPS: SERVANTS

Thomas Matthews 4th: May 1696 for 5 years at £15 ꝑ annum.
Thomas Curganven 15 January 1696 for 5 years at 15 ꝑ annum.
Henry Marshall 2 January 1696 for 5 years at 5 ꝑ añ.

Charles Douglass 8 March 169$\frac{6}{7}$ for 2 years at £5 ꝑ annum to comence from his arriveall at the Bay.

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FREE MERCHANTS.

Abraham Plymer	... ...	3rd : March 1696/7.
Charles Johnson	... ...	8 April 1697.
Robert Morgan	... ...	14 Decembr : 1696.

Capt : John Turner declares he has no Indentures, but produceth a receipt signed by Mr : Edward Portman for 12£, received by him for permission for Passage on shipp Tavestocke.

Generall Letters from Fort St : David dated the 20th : 23rd : & 27th : past and answer thereunto dated yesterday read, allso a generall from Vizagapatam ℔ shipp Sedgwicke dated the 22d : past.

The 30th : Paragraph of the Generall Letter by ship Tavestocke, blameing the neglect of adjusting the Joint stocke merchants accounts. They being now sent for and discoursed. The following method is resolved vizt .

Mutteapilla
Tomapilla's son Aurrepautum
Kisnapilla
Vincatachulumpilla

being all the conicoplies now here who have been concerned in the keeping the accounts of the Joint Stocke Merchants for within twenty years past, are ordered to examine the joint stocke mercht : accounts and to state the same to the time of the begining of the new Joint Stocke. Serrapa Chiefe Merchant and they are to examine the accounts deliver'd in by Ayapa Chittee &ca : against Timapa late chiefe merchant and the account given in by Timapa against Ayapa &ca : and laying aside all that is false in either of those accounts,' they are to report the truth as it doth appear to their conscience. If all the sd Conicoplies agree in opinion it is well, if any one or more differ from the rest, let them write their reasons.

These five are to meet every day in the Brown cloth godown till the accounts are finished, and if one or two be sicke or absent the rest are to goe on.

The foregoeing being translated into Gentu and read to the merchants, they all approved & agreed thereunto.

The accomptant produces the Journal & Ledger of the generall accounts QQ brought up to the ultimo September last.

There appearing by severall consultations in the year 1690, that Mr : Littleton, Mr : Wavell & Mr : Cheney were ordered to examine Mr : Cowley his storekeepers accounts, who all dyed without makeing any report, so that it doth not appear that his accounts were duely examined and stated.

It is ordered that the accomptant doe cause the said accounts to be examined so soone as other businesse will permit, and that particularly his Journal account be reduced to a Ledger.

RO : BRADDYLL. NAT : HIGGINSON.
THO : WRIGHT. JO : STYLEMAN.
MR : EMPSON. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
E : TREDCROFT.

2 Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Fort St. David of yesterdays date.

MONDAY 6TH No Consultation.

THURSDAY 9TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUT : GENLL : OF INDIA.
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN. MR :
MR : ROGER BRADDYLL. MR :
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT. MR : MATTHEW EMPSON
MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

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All the Councill being duely summoned.

Captain Robert Masfen, being absent his Attorney Thomas Wigmore pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: two hundred twenty-two and eight fanams, being for one Hundred pound Legacie given by John Jackson Marriner to the Poor of the Parish of Creed Church London. For which sum̃e of one hundred pound the Secretary is ordered to prepare Bills drawn on the Rt: Hon: Company payable to the Minister and Church Wardens of the Parish of Creed Church Leaden Hall Street for the use of the Poor of the said Parish, wth: Interest from the time of payment if any due, which words (if any due) are added because wee don't fully understand the Rt: Honble: Comps: order.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

The Lieutenant Generall read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of November the balance being [. . .] Pgs: 2481: 11: 3.

The Tobacco farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 241: 24 fanams for one month on that account Ending the 16th: November 1697.

Mr: John Meverell pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 202: 6: 1, on account of the Town Conicoplies Duty for six months ending September 1697, and Pags: 544: 23 fanams to the Secretary on account of the Talliars duty for ditto time.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his Accot: Land Customs for the month of Novembr: last ℘ticulars vizt:

Choultry custom	Pags:	296: 15: 40
Rubie Brokers	,,	7: 9: 44
Cloth Brokers	,,	10: 1: 33
Town Rents	,,	221: 0: 0
	Pags:	534: 26: 37

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 533: 12: 37, as the balance of said account.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his Accot: Disbursements for the month of October last particulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	997: 20
Charges Generall	,,	445: 12
Charges Diett	,,	246: 31
Yegmore, &ca: Towns	,,	... : 18
Shipp Dolphin	,,	315: 6
Ship King Williams Cargo	,,	143: 12
West Coast	,,	284: 31
Charges Cattle	,,	16: 13
Charges Merchandise	,,	147: 16
Fortifications & repairs	,,	124: 31
Charges Extraordinary	,,	17: 7
Bengall	,,	5: ...
Vizagapatam factory	,,	39: ...
	Pags:	2,783: 17

Three of the Rt: Honble: Companys servants who came Passengers upon Ship Tavestocke delivering a Complaint in writeing of the abuses they have recd: in the Passage from the Commander who being now indisposed the Secretary is ordered to send him a Coppy thereof, that he may give his answr: thereunto.

Mr: Braddyll reporting that the Chequeens by ship Tavestocke having been received seem to be generally of the lower sort and that ye: minters are of opinion

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that if coined they will not yield above 11½ ℔ Cent and that severall shroffs doe offer 12½ & 13 ℔ Cent and there being present occasion for paying the merchants Pag^s: 3,000 on their Contract for w^ch: there is not sufficient in Cash, It is resolved that the said Chequeens be more strictly Examined, and if they shall prove as reported that they be sold at 13 ℔ Cent or more if procurable, and that Pag^s: 3,000 be paid out of the produce to the merchants on their Contract so soon as received.

The Sea Customer acquainting that Alle Serang and the Divers and severall Cattamaran men were very usefull and laborious in saving the six Chests of treasure cast away as comeing ashore from the Tavestocke, to whome the Govern^r: did promise some reward, to encourage them to be the more deligent. It is ordered that the Sea Customer and Paymaster doe cause a Coat of Broad cloth ordinary to be given to Alle Serang, and ten Pag^s: to be distributed among the rest, the charge whereof the Paym^r: is to enter in Charges Extraordinary.

The inflicting of the punishment on Anco, by the sentence of the Court of Admiralty having been deferred at the importunity of Serapa who had intrusted him w^th: the sale of a considerable quantity of Broad cloth, the produce whereof remained in the hands of Anco to the amount of Pag^s: 4 or 500 which Serapa alledged Anco refused to pay or give account to whome he had sold the cloth, and therefore desired sometime for getting in that Debt, for which he hath now had a months time. The Justices of the Choultrey are ordered to cause the said sentence to be executed on Monday next there appearing no reason to remit the punishment.

We haveing a perfect knowledge of y^e: grounds of y^e: sentence against Ancho I crave leave to suspend my sentiments of that affaire.
R.B.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.
E. TREDCROFT.

11 Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to ffort St. David of this date.

12 Received Generall Letters from the Generall &c^a: at Bombay dated the 27th September and coppies of their Generall Letters dated the 11th: of August & 30th: Sept^r: last and from the President and Councill of Surat dated the 30th: September and 11th: October last &c^a: papers as ℔ List.

MONDAY 13TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTENANT-GENERALL OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R:
M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL — M^R: CHARLES BARWELL
M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r: Edward Tredcroft pays into the R^t: Honble: Compan^s: Cash Pag^s: 6: 10 on account Town Conicoplies Duty for three months Ending November 1697 and Pag^s: 38: 27: 2 to the Secretery on account of the Talliars Duty for Ditto time.

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A complaint having been made by Mr: William Vandenanchor against Mr: Henry Dobyns. They & their wittnesses were now examined wch: examinaĉon is ordered to be entred in the coppy book of Letters and upon the whole it is not thought convenient to take the Oath of Mr: Vandenanchor he seeming now to have drank more then he should, and Mr: Dobyns having disproved some part of his allegations. They were both dismissed wth: a reproof suitable to their respective faults.

[The] Chequeens mentioned in Consultation of the 9th: Instant, being examined by the Lieutenant Generall, are found to be as reported and delivered to Serapa &ca: at 13¼ ℘ Cent advance vizt:

		oz.	dwt.	gr.		
Bag No: 2.	8	...	3	15		
6.	38	...	4	...		
7.	2	11	1	18		
	48	11	9	9	is Pags:	5,335 : 15
					Pags: 13¼ : ℘ Cent advance ,,	706 : 33
					Pags:	6042 : 12

The Generall letters from Bombay dated 27 Septembr: and from Surat dated the 13th: September now received chiefly adviseing the news of Kidd the Pirat & some troubles at Surat occasioned by the new Governr: unreasonable imposition both on the English & Dutch. That from Bombay adviseing their intenĉons of sending the Sceptre and East India Merchant down the Mallabar coast wth: orders to looke after Kidd, but make no mention whether they sent any supplys to Anjengo. It is thereupon proposed whether wee may depend upon their being suplyed by those ships, or whether we shall send the stores and men wrote for from hence, and resolved that they be sent as ordered by Consultation of the 15th: November last.

The Governour acquainting the Councill that ship Sedgewicke not proveing large enough for the service she was designed for and that he hath received orders from the Honble: Secret Committee for sending that ship on a voyage to China and so to returne for England, but the time of the year not permitting her to proceed till April or May next Doth propound to the consideration of the Councill whethr: she shall be sold or sent on said voyage. The resolution thereof is referred to the time of year when ships do usually proceed for China, and that in the meantime she be sent to Anjengo wth: the stores & men they wrote for, for the following reasons.

First, the freight of what sent thither & of Pepper backe will defray the greatest part of the charge.

Secondly, the Chambers ffrigot comes from Bengll: a laden ship, and cannot probably take in so many lumbring things Passengers and necessaries wch: will pester the ship to much.

Thirdly Wee are doubtfull whether wee can possitively order the Commander to call there under an obligation to deliver goods, being freighted by Merchants of Surat and bound for that Port, and if any dammage should come to the ship it may by them be charged upon the ships being obliged to call at Anjengo.

Fourthly, the ship is ordered to depart from Bengall the 14th: November last, that she might arrive time enough at Bombay to be Laden home by the expiration of her Charterparty time in January next, But it being now the 13th day of December and the ship doth not yet appear, it is allready so late that wee may not oblige the ship to spend so much time at Anjengo as may be necessary for Landing the goods and men, especialy since Mr: Braborne advises that they have no Boats wch: will greatly detard.

F[ift]hly, wee cannot send the number of souldiers & [conicop]lies and slaves required from hence, wch: being order'd to be provided at Fort St: David, they must either be sent by the Sedgewicke or by another vessell to be hired from thence, because the Chambers frigot cannot spend time to call there.

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Sixthly, If it shall be resolved to sell the shipp she will sell much better in April next then now, and there is no other way of employing her but to Anjengo.

Ordered that the Paymast[r]: provide the necessary stores and men for ship Sedgewicks voyage to Anjengo, and the stores provided for Anjengo to be Laden as soon as the ship is in readinesse, that she may be dispatch'd w[th]: all expedition.

M[r]: Styleman produces an account received from M[r]: Ellis (absent by indisposition) of the sale by outcry of the dammaged goods belonging to the King Williams Cargo amounting to Pag[s]: 7157 : 13.

Ordered that Anthony Duesbury be Entertain'd in the Gunroom Crew.

NAT : HIGGINSON. RO : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN. THO : WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS : ELLIS. M : EMPSON.
E : TREDCROFT.

14 Ship Chambers frigot im[port . . .] from Bengall w[th]: a country ship called the Francis bound for Bombay.

The Secretary was order'd to sen[d o]ff a note to the Comm[r]: to know whether his ship, and the Francis could take in the Passengers provisions and stores design'd for Anjengo but the Cattamaran endeavouring to gett off was beat backe with the wind and sea.

15 The Cattamaran goeing aboard this morning brought an answer from Cap[t]: South, that he had no room for any souldiers, Provisions and stores, and that his ship is very deep and full, and the Francis allso. The latter sailed away in the night the wind blowing hard, and continues so that with great difficulty one Boat was gott off to fetch the Bengall Pacquet & the Command[r]:

M[r]: Winder comeing ashore this forenoon brought the Pacquet from the Agent &c[a]: of Bengall containing their Generall Letter dated the 25th: November and one from Cap[t]: Erle dated the 26th: ditto and two Generall Letters from M[r]: William Soams resident at Acheen dated the 31st: July and 11th: August last, giveing an acco[t]: of an Engagem[t]: w[ch]: happened on the 9th: July between Cap[t]: Hide in the Dorrell and the Mocho Frigot, wherein Cap[t]: Hide had severall men killed & wounded, and that he was come into Acheen to refitt.

16 Brigantine Olive branch Edw[d]: Bell Mast[r]: arriv'd from Acheen.

THURSDAY pmo.

ATT A CONSULTATION :

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[L]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUTEN[T]: GENERALL OF INDIA
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN M[R]:
M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL
M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON
M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M[r]: Charles Barwell requesting Pag[s]: one hundred for defraying the charges of his Voyage to Persia. It is ordered to be paid him, and charged to account Curr[t]: Bombay, he being accountable to the Generall &c[a]: there for the same.

The Bengall Generall Letter ℘ Chambers frigott dated the 25th: November, mentioning that they have sent M[r]: Davenport on that ship, Cap[t]: South being sent for and enquired of, he answers that M[r]: Davenport was sent down to his ship at Hog river w[th]: an order for receiving him and his necessaries, but not having room to receive his necessaries he returned to Calcutta.

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M^{r}: Ellis being indisposed he sent his acco^{t}: of the Callico Godown for the month of November last.

The R^{t}: Honble: Company in the 54 Paragraph of their Generall Letter dated the 16th: April 1697 having given us leave to take the naval stores sent by ship Tavestocke to our own account paying 60 ℣ Cent on the Invoice price, and leaveing it to y^{e}: Lieuten^{t}: Generall to proportion the Interest of each of the Councill therein, Hee doth offer to each of the Councill an equal share, but they excuse themselves from accepting any share therein for y^{e}: following reasons.

First, sixty ℣ Cent upon the Invoice raises the price of the greatest part of the stores so high above the markett price, that wee should be great loosers, particularly the Cordage Invoiced at 40^{s}: 6^{d}: ℣ [Cwt:] with 60 ℣ Cent is 65^{s}: [or Pag^{s}: 7 &] 8 fanams ℣ cwt. The [Markett] price of Madrasse for two or three years past hath been Pag^{s} five or six by retail, but reckoning the whole at Pag^{s}: 6: ℣ cwt (which it never yeild) there will be a certain losse of 18 ℘ Cent out of the Principal, besides wast Interest and charges which cannot be lesse then Ten ℣ Cent more, so that wee should by the Cordage loose at least 28 ℣ Cent certain, because it is certain the price cannot rise. But our losse would be greater in the anchors Invoiced at 48^{s}: ℣ cwt: 60 ℣ Cent is 77^{s}: or Pag^{s}: $8\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ [. . .] whereas the retail price cannot exceed Pag^{s}: 6 ℘ [. . .] and for the rest of the stores their Invoice price wth: 60 ℣ Cent advance doth generally much exceed the markett price.

Secondly, The proposall made to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: doth indeed leave the price to them, but doth allso mention our expectation of some profit by it, & their Hon^{s}: answer allso doth propound it as an encourgement and kind useage, but the price as stated cannot be understood to be an encouragem^{t}.

Resolved, that the warehousekeep^{r}: do cause the said stores to be sold for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: account for the most the markett will yield, causeing the account thereof to be so distinguished from all other accounts under the Head of Naval Stores by the Ship Tavestocke, as that it may be rendred apart when all sold.

Generall Letter from the Agent & Councill of Beng^{ll}: dated the 25th: past and from M^{r}: William Soams from Acheen dated the 31st: July and 11th: of August received [by the Chambers fr]igot, allso a generall Letter to the R^{t}: Honble: Company (to be sent viâ Bombay) dated the 20th November 13th & 15th Instants to Paragraph the 23. And a Generall Letter to his Excellency &c^{a}: at Bombay dated the 13th: Instant read.

Ordered that the Bulse of Gold buttons received from Tringombar (belonging to the Mocho ffrigatt men) and seven pieces of China velvet be sent by the Chambers frigot to Bombay.

NAT: HIGGINSON. RO. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M. EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

This morning Edward Bell master of y^{e}: Brigantine Olive branch came 17
ashore and brought a Generall Letter from M^{r}: William Soam's dated the 25th November last, wth: coppies of his Letters of the 31 July & 11th August, and a narrative of the Engagement between Capt: Hide in the Dorrell and the Mocho frigot.

Delivered the Commander of the Chambers frigott his Dispatch, and he went 18
off before noon, and the Pacquet being delivered to M^{r}: Barwell he and all the rest of the Passengers went off in the afternoone.

Ship Chambers frigot early fireing a gun and putting out a waft, a Boat 19
being sent off brought advice from the Commander that the reason was that he

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could not gett up his anchor, but the assistance of ye: Tavestocks Long boat weighed it and sailed by ten a clocke.

Ship Meer Mahomod Abdula beake Nocqueda arriv'd from Vizagapatam, by whome received a genll: Letter from the Chief &ca: dated the 6th: Instant wth: Coppy of their Diary from the 26th November to the 6th: Instant.

MONDAY 20TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN.	MR: FRANCIS ELLIS.
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL.	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT.
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Francis Ellis pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash ffour thousand Pags: being part of the produce of Ship King Williams dammaged Cargo Sold by outcry.

Mr Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his accot: of Sea Customs for the mõ: Novembr: last particulars Vizt:

To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month	P. 31: 5: 81
To Ditto on grain	,, 57: 29: 50
To Salvage	,, 8: 13: 40
	Pags: 97: 12: 4

And pays: into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pa: 198: 34: 1 as the balance. Mr Thomas Harris signed the Indentures sent out by the Rt: Honble: Company by the Ship Tavestocke for his being ffactor, which are ordered to be return'd their Honrs: by the next ship.

Ordered that one third part of the sea cole receiv'd by the Tavestocke, be sent to Fort St: David by the first oppertunity and that two chauldron be delivered to the Paymaster for use, and the remainder put in a convenient place to be kept for a store, and not to be used without an order of Consultation.

Mr Charles Barwell one of the assistants in the Court of Admiralty being gone for Bombay & Persia, Mr Francis Ellis is chosen assistant in his roome.

The Arrac farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 31: 24 being the balance of the last years farm Ending the ultimo October 1697 and Pags: 150 for one month ending the first Instant.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	RO: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.	

Ship Fleetwood Robert Coffee master arrived from Vizagtm.

21 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated ye: 18th: Instant wth: their Account Currant to the last of October 1697. Paymasters account Disbursements for the month of October 1697. Account Expences at ffort St: David under the severall Heads for six years and Eight months Ending April 1697 and List of Persons necessary for carrying on the Rt: Honble: Comps: businesse there.

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Att a Consultation: Thursday 23rd

Present

The Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieut: Generall of India
Mr: John Styleman   Mr: Francis Ellis
Mr: Roger Braddyll   Mr: Thomas Wright
Mr: Matthew Empson   Mr: Edward Tredcroft

Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 354, on account goods sold.

Ordered that Pags: 500 be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying charges garrison and Pags: 172: 4: 4: to Mr: ffrancis Ellis for 167 pieces salampores and 168 pieces Long cloth bought for Wrappers.

The sorters having complained that of the Long cloth brought in by the merchants, there was some fine threaded, but so thin as did no ways suit wth: the musters, for which reason the cloth was Embaled wth: a distinguishing mark of No. 1 Y as fitt for ye: supply of the west coast markett, but in the processe of the sorting they find a great part of the cloth of the same quality and so defective in the substance or evenesse as that they found reason to make a further distinction No. 1 ⊞ Y. and at this time there is 100 bales Embaled of those marks, halfe No. 1 ⊞ Y and halfe No. 1 ⊞ Y. besides which they have turned out 300 pieces of Long cloth as inferiour to muster No. 1 ⊞ Y. The Merchants being ordered to appear and able of No. 1 ⊞ Y. and severall pieces of the turned out cloth being brought & examin'd before them, they do acknowledge the thinnesse but alledge that the cloth is made of the due number of threads, & that there is no other sort of thread now procurable, occasioned by the great scarsity and dearnesse of Cotton for which reason the spinners will not allow cotton enough to make round large thread proper for Long Cloth No. 1 & 2.

It is upon a view of said cloth resolved that the sorters do take in all the Long cloth and Salampores brought in by the Merchants vendible in ye: present Europe Marketts at abatements proportionable in their Judgements to the severall defects, for the following reasons.

First, there is reason to thinke that there will be occasion for more Cloth then wee have or can expect for the Lading of the Sidney and filling up of the Sampson if she shall not be Laden in Bengall.

Secondly, the price of cloth in England for severall years past doth not make so much difference in the account of sales between No. 1 & No. 1 ⊞ or lower numbers, as its cost here, they all selling much at a price.

Thirdly, the Merchants have been very importunate to have their cloth returned to them, and promise to bring in as much better, but that ought not to be complyed wth: for two reasons.

First, because they will not be able to bring it in time enough for these ships.

Secondly, the takeing of the cloth at a lower price is a greater punishment to them and will, if any thing can, cause them to make the cloth more agreeable to muster.

Fourthly, the foregoeing reasons are agreeable to the Rt: Honble: Compa: orders for severall years past.

Fifthly, the Long cloth, and Salampores so distinguished by the Letter Y may be reserved for the West Coast markett, in case the ships to be next dispatched shall not want it for compleating their Tonnage.

The Merchants were directed (as they have been frequently before) to cause a few more Punjums to be added to their fine threaded Long cloth and were promised that they should be considered in the sorting.

Berra Timapa having wrote a Letter to the Govr: desireing that Mr: Dutton may be sent to him to write a Petition. It is resolved that he be not permitted to goe.

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Ordered that Pag^s: 3500: be paid to M^r: Edwd: Tredcroft being for Pag^s 2500: borrowed the 23^d July & Pag^s: 1000: the 5th of August 1697 w^th: the Interest to this day.

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to continue one halfe of the Lead on board the Tavestocke till the arriveall of Ship Sidney, when wee may expect to know whether they have occasion for any in Bengall and to lade 45 Tons redwood, the proportion mentioned in charterparty.

NAT: HIGGINSON. RO: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

MONDAY 27TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA

M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL — M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATT: EMPSON — M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT

M^r: Francis Ellis pays into the R^t: Honble: Companys cash Pag^s: two thousand in further part of the produce of the King Williams Damaged Cargo sold by Outcry.

Ordered that Pag^s: three thousand be delivered to M^r: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper to send to ffort S^t: David by Ship Sedgewicke and that the necessary Factors provisions of Paper &c^a: be allso sent them by said Ship..

Generall Letters to Anjengo and Fort S^t: David & Dispatch to the Master of Ship Sedgewicke being read and approved. Peons from Anjengo brought in a Pacquett from thence w^th: Letters dated the 7th: Novemb^r: and 4th: Instant, w^th: coppies of their Letters from Bombay dated the 19th: of October, and their answers of the 29th: and 30th: November last, whereby it doth appear that notwithstanding the supply sent them from thence by the East India Merchant, yet they requ^r: from us the same List which they sent for before besides 15 or 20,000 Rupees.

Upon peruseall of which, it is resolved that the ship Sedgewicke do proceed for Anjenga w^th: the stores and men designed, and having no Surat rupees and but a few procurable and at very extravagant dear rates. It is ordered that one of the Chest of Dollars designed for the West Coast be sent to Anjenga by y^e: Sedgewicke and no more, the stocke and occasions of y^e: Coast and Bay not permitting to spare more, nor that neither but upon so extraordinary an occasion as y^e: generall Letter from Anjenga represents.

Peons from Surat bring a Generall Letter from thence dated the 19th: November 1697 and one from the Generall &c^a: dated the 12th: November Incloseing severall clauses of a Generall Letter from the R^t: Hon: Company dated the 23^d: April 1697. (Coppys of which clauses are ordered to be now sent to ffort S^t: David) also advise that the Arrabs do peremptorily refuse to deliver the ship London or her Cargo, and in plain term's offer either Peace or Warr.

Allso a Generall Letter from M^r: Owen and M^r: Bruce from Ispahan dated the 28th: August containing only Europe news and another dat^d: the 13th: September last complaining of M^r: Charles Sherrer Supra Cargo of Ship George for goeing away without paying the R^t: Honble: Compan^s: Consulage and the Chiefs Commission at Gombroon w^ch: they desire us to recover of him here.

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Orderered that Chintadree and Perremoota both condemned slaves for robbery be sent to Anjengo on the Sedgewicke and Invoiced at Pag^s : 15 each.

The Governour acquaints that upon examination of the new Towns accounts whereof Devapa Braminy hath from the first had the management, he appearing to be indebted about 300 Pag^s: about six weeks since, which he alledgeing was due from many Inhabitants for seed lent and grain sold them, which he promised to gett in four or five weeks, was dismissed but put under the security of the Talliars to gett in the money, part whereof he hath received, but upon an information that severall of Yegmore Inhabitants had deserted the Place, one of them being sent for and examined declared y^e: reason was because Devapa had lately exact^d: the payment of 40 Pag^s: from them, and otherwise abused them. The Governour sent Peons to the House of Devapa and the Conicoplies under him and caused all their acco^ts: to be secured and brought to the ffort, and their persons allso secured in order to their stricter examination.

NAT: HIGGINSON. RO: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen Master & Ship Anne John Hampton Master arrived from Bengall. 28

Ship Bauvanee Anco Serang arrived from Ganjam. 29

This afternoone Ship Sedgewicke Lockere Watts Mast^r: sailed for Fort S^t: David and Anjenga by whome sent Generall Letters to the Governour and Councill of ffort S^t: David dated the 27th: & 28th: Instants and to the Comodore and Council at Anjenga dated the 27th : Instant Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading and a Generall Letter to his Excellency &c^a : at Bombay dated the 28th : Instant.

Ship Sidney Capt^t: William Gyfford Commander arrived from Bengall. 31

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY pmo.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA.

M^R:	M^R:
M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL	M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON	M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Generall Letters from Bengall dated the second Instant now received by Ship Sidney and the Invoice of said Ship being perused allso a Generall Letter from M^r: Nathaniel Walsh dated the 14th: Instant.

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to cause all the Goods on board the Sidney to be unladen except the Saltpetre, Bales &c^a : goods for Europe. And it is agreed with Capt: Gyfford that he give notice dayly to the Sea Custom^r: of the number of Boats his Shipp can Dispatch, which the Sea Customer is ordered to furnish him with.

NATT: HIGGINSON. RO: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

M^rs: Hatsell brought her child to Town Dead which was burried this Evening. 31

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[1ST] JANUARY ℔ MO.

A small sloop comeing wth: the Sidney from Bengall belonging to Mr: Bowridge, hee was ordered to cause the Rudder and Sails to be taken out that she may not be run away wth:

2 A letter from Amirjeahn received this day adviseth that the Nabob hath taken Chingee fforts all but one wch: doth allso offer a capitulation & that Ramraja is fled.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 3D

Present

THE HONBLE: NATTHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR:
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT at the Mount.

Ordered that Pags: 211: 28 fa: 4 ca be paid to Mr: Stephen ffrewen, being for one Bill dated the 22nd: past drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 24 past.

Mr: Empson now in persuance of the order of Consultation 23d past, produced his report of the allowance and assistants formerly allowed to Dr: Heathfield as entred in the Paymasters accounts. It is ordered that in persuance of the 55th: Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Generall Letter by ye: Tavestocke Doctor Buckley be allowed as followeth.

Oyle	11 Measures ℔ mensem
Wax	5 pounds
One Dubash	Pags 1—0 fa
Duty fellow	Pags 0—12
Washerman, Barber & Water	Pags 0—10
One mate at	Pags 5 ℔ mensem
One Assistant	Pags 3
Salary at	36 £ ℔ annum.

Besides which Doctor Heathfield had fans: 50 ℔ menm: for keeping a Horse and 5 Pags: ℔ mensem for Diett money, which are not to be allowed because they are both contrary to Generall Orders of the Rt: Honble: Company. And Doctor Brown is discharg'd from service and allowances from the last day of November last.

Captain William Gifford Commandr: of Shipp Sidney now sent by his Purser a Paper demanding a Lading for his ship conforme to the clause of his Charter party which requires that such demand be made thirty days before his departure for England and the Purser doth declare that he do's not know of any such demand having been made before now and Capt: Gifford hath declared the same to ye: Governr:

Answer to Capt: Giffords Paper was now writ & signed, both which are order'd to be Entred in the Coppy Book of Letters.

Mr: Roger Braddyll read his warehouse keepers account for the month of November last.

Ordered that Pags: ffive hundred be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymastr: for defraying charges Garrison.

Resolved that Mr: Thomas Harris do looke after the businesse and accounts of the new Towns and that Gongana and Paupia Conicoplee do assist him at two Pags: a month each Mr: Harris to take and enter an account daily of every days transaction in each town apart and to receive all the money daily and at the end of every month to pay the same to the Land Customer.

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Amirjeahn adviseing by his Letter Yesterday from the Camp that the Nabob hath taken Chingee and that a congratulatory letter with a Present will be expected. It is ordered that Mr: Empson do procure the most proper rarities he can, not Exceeding 300 Pags: to be sent to the Nabob to morrow wth: a congratulatory Letter.

Capt: Gifford having acquainted that he hath brought ffrancis Davenport upon his ship from Bengall by the Agents order (after Capt: South in the Chambers Frigatt had refused to take him in). [It is] resolved that an order be sent to Capt: Gifford to [deliver] said Davenport to the Marshall who is to goe [aboard] and bring him ashore and keep him in Cus[tody] in order to his examination upon the matters alledged against him by the Agent and Councill of Bengall.

It being probable that the 30,000 £ of silver ordered to be sent to Bengall by Shipp Tavestocke will not be coined time enough to be sent by that Ship, It is ordered that halfe of the Lead received by said Ship be sent thither for the increase of their stocke.

Mr: Bowridge being now arrived whome Mr: Peachie hath alledged to be answerable for [1500] Rupees charged to his account. The Attorney [Genll:] is ordered to prosecute the action depending between the Rt: Honble: Company and Mr: Peachie to an issue.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	RO. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.	M: EMPSON
E: TREDCROFT	

The following order was sign'd by the Governr: & Councill, viz. 4

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to cause two thousand five hundred bags of Saltpetre and one Hundred bales of Cotton Yarne to be unladen from ship Sidney. The remaining fifteen hundred bags saltpetre amounting to her Charterparty Kentilage and the Eighty bales of Cotton yarne remaining aboard may be either continued for England or brought ashore as reason shall appear in Lading.

THOMAS WRIGHT.	NATHL: HIGGINSON.
MATT: EMPSON.	JOHN STYLEMAN.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.	FRANCIS ELLIS.
	ROGER BRADDYLL.

The ship wch: appeared yesterday to the Northward came to day into the road William Williock mastr: who says. 5

That he was in ship Satisfaction off Ceilon taken by the Mocha ffrigat and another Pirat of 130 Tons the 24th: January last, that the Pirats tooke out what necessary for them and sunke the ship, That they released him at Negrais the 22nd: December last in wch: aforesaid time they tooke the following prizes Vizt.

In February last a Portuguez from Maccao, out of wch: they tooke 100 wtt: (lbs.) of Gold, provisions & silks, but dismissed the ship after leaving severll: other goods overboard.

The Orenzay a moors ship bound from Bengll: to Surat, wch: they dismissed takeing only rice out of her.

The Advice Pink of Bengall wch: they carried to Maldeva and there burnt her first destroying sevll: Villages.

[That the 15th: May they arrived] at Nicombar that the small ship passed the streights Malacca, but the Mocha staid to gett Provisions, That the latter on 5th: June tooke a Portuguez ship bound for Mocao wth: a Governr: wch: they plunder'd of a considerable value.

That Capt: Stout & 7 more were cutt of fetching water whereupon Colliver (that run away wth: the Josia Ketch from Madrasse) was chosen Commander.

That the latter end of June of Pullo Verera after 3 days dogging Capt: Hide in the Dorill, they fought him, who wounding their foremast they left

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him & quitting their designe for China they stood for Acheen to take a ship thence to Carreen by, but meeting this aforesaid ship they altered their Course for Negrais where they arrived in the middle of August.

That dureing their stay there they tooke two Madrass Ketches bound for Pegu wch: they dismissed wth all their Cargo's upon takeing a Metchlepatam ship bound for Mergee most of whose Cargo they tooke & disabled the ship. That the 22d: December they left Negrais the day before dismissing Willocke and many other Prisoners in this aforesaid ship.

That they left a considerable quantity of goods on Negrais.

5 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the ℘mo Instant.

THURSDAY 6TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR:	MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Ship ffleetwood Robert Coffee master belonging to Mr: Holcomb being now in this road and bound for Vizagapatam, It is ordered that the stores formerly wrote for be sent vizt:

Timbers 10 of 16 or 18 foot Long.
Guns 6 between 12 & 18 pounders.
Powder Countrey 2 Candy.
Powder English 2 Barrels.
Shott suitable to their Guns 500.
Granado shells 30.
Match 1 Candy.
Linstocks Flints Horn's Primeing Irons.
One Drum Rarities for Presents.

Upon further consideration of ship Tavestock's proceeding for Bengall and returne from thence in March next with Lading of Saltpetre, Capt: Jones and Capt: Hampton being discoursed, the following particulars offer.

1st: That if the Lead be continued aboard, the ship may goe over the braces wth: one foot water lesse then if balasted wth: sand.

2d: That the ship Tavestocke draws 22 foot water when Laden and therefore cannot goe up or down the [river] Laden, the channell in some parts not exceeding 4 fathom, and for the same reason the ship cannot lade more then twenty foot at Coxes after middle of ffebruary the Channell of the new Deeps being but 4 fathom, and the winds and sea then begins to increase, so that no vessell can carry goods after the ship into the new Deeps.

3rd: That if the ship be balasted with sand she cannot shift when she comes to lade at Coxes undr fourteen or eighteen days time but if balasted wth: Lead, that may be unladen into the Boats or vessells as the saltpetre is laden, and so little or no time lost and it is necessary that ye: ship depart from the new Deeps by the 11th: of March at farthest.

4thly: That the ship cannot come out of Bengall this season laden for this Port, if she goes up the river thô the ffleet frigatt did which drew so little water that she tooke in her whole Lading at Chutanuttee and came down Laden.

5thly: That the ship cannot be laden in Ballasore road, because there are not vessells enough to carry her Lading down in due time.

Resolved that the Lead be continued to Bengll: by the Tavestocke under orders of delivering so much as the Agent and Councill shall see cause to demand.

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That the [Ta]vestocke be dispatched on the [15th :] Instant wth : what rupees shall be then ready coined which are to [be] Laden on the fourteenth.

If in the mean time any vessell goe for Bengll : the necessary advice be given the Agent &ca : to prepare a Lading of Saltpetre and Provisions for the Tavestocke and cause the same to be sent down to meet the ship, that no time be lost.

The Sea Customer alledgeing that severall parcells of goods by ship Tavestocke deliverable : in Bengall or brought ashore wch : Capt : Jones alledgeth were by him ordered to be kept aboard ship, but by mistake of the Officers were sent ashore.

It is resolved that the said goods be reladen without opening or demand of Custome.

Ordered that Pags : 1500 borrowed of ye : Church and Pags : 5000 borrowed of Mr. Lewis be paid off on Monday next wth : the Interest being both then due.

The Lading of ship Sidney for England is ordered as followeth.

Continued from Bengall

Saltpetre 1,500 Bags and 500 more if the Commander shall require it in writeing.

	Redwood	Tons 40⅓
	Pepper	Do. 24¾
	Piece goods	100 bales.
	Cotton Yarne	80 bales.
To be Laden here—		
	Pepper	200 Candy.
	Benjamin	13 Chests.
	Indico fine	1 Chest.
	Gallingall	54 Bags.
		can : md : lb.
	Stick lack from Vizagapatam	9 : 9 : 2.
	King Williams Cargo	258 Bales.
	Fort St. David	296 Do.
	Fort St. George Bales so many as are necessary to compleat her Lading.	

Ordered that a copy of this order for the Lading of ship Sidney be delivered Capt : Gifford, for his direction in calling for such goods as he thinkes convenient for the best stowage.

The Governour acquaints that upon an information that Mr : Kennedy, Mr : Griffith Mr : Sewell and one Dixon a souldier at Kennedy's House on Tuesday night quarrelled and that a sword was drawn to the hazard of bloodshed, and that yesterday three of them went out in order to fight, and that a chalenge was sent, he caused them last night to be committed to the custody of the Marshall. It is ordered that the Justices of the choultrey do examine the matter and report the same to us.

Mr : Willocke informeing that there are on board the ship which he brought in last night twenty-four Lascars which belong'd to her when taken by the Pirats, who say that said ship belongs to the Capt : of the Chinese at Japarre who's son was upon her when taken & Sent by the Pirats to Acheen wth : the other Merchants.

That she was taken under Dutch Colours and wth : a Dutch Pass in wch : she was rated at 120 Last.

That the ship seems to be above halfe Laden the remainder being left ashore by the Pirats at Negrais, but knows not the contents, only that there is rice sugar and sugar candy.

That the Pirats tooke away all the rigging sails, anchors and cables, but furnished the ship with two small anchors, one cable and old rigging from other ships which they had taken and that the greatest part of the rigging and Boat and water Jarrs did belong to a Siam ship wch : was taken goeing from Metchlepatam to Mergee, on which were severall Moor Merchants, Passengers and ffreighters whose goods were all taken and they left at Negrais wth : the

Siam ship (without a main mast) except one of them, who obtained leave to take his Passage to the Coast on this ship with severall slaves Lascars &ca: taken out of severall ships.

Mr: Willocke being asked whether he doth lay any claim to the Ship; answers that ye: Pirats gave him both Ship and Cargo, but he doth [not] claim any right to her she belongs to ye: owners. But desires to be gratified for preserveing the ship from being burned (concerning which he produces an attestation) and for rigging & bringing her hither.

The circumstances of this extraordinry: case being considered, The Sea Customr: & Paymastr: are ordered to take care of the Ship and Cargo, observeing the following directions.

That the ship be furnished wth: cables & anchors and other stores necessary for rideing in the Road.

That Mr: Willocke be continued master and a trusty English Seaman be Entertained to remain on board wth: the 24 Lascars.

That tomorrow morning Mr: Curganven and the Gunner goe aboard the ship wth: Mr: Willock wth: the following orders vizt.

That the water be all hoisted out of ye: Hold and placed between Decks.

That 20 Bags of rice be allso taken out of the Hold for the maintenance of ye: ships Lascars.

That every thing aboard the ship be put into the Hold which is not for the shipps present use or doth not belong to the Passingers.

That the Hatches be Locked and sealed and the Keys brought ashore that ye: goods may be secured from Embezlement till orders for their disposeall.

That a List be taken of all stores belonging to the ship and of the ships Company & Passengrs: and the things belonging to each Passenger which are to be marked and numbred.

That the Passengers come ashore and each mans things be delivered to him and receipts taken for such things as shall seem to be of import.

That the forementioned Moor Merchant be treated wth: respect and civility and that no custom be demanded for any thing belonging to him, which are to be delivered to him in the presence of some Persians takeing an attested receipt wth: an acknowledgement that he hath received all and hath no farther demands.

The further consideration of the ship & Cargo whether to dispose of the Cargo here being perishable commodities and proper for the markett, or to send advice to the Governour for the Dutch Company at Negapâtam and refer the disposeall thereof to his direction is referred till next Consultation day.

The Rt: Honble: Company having Ordered a Supply of Factors for Bengall. It is ordere'd that the following persons proceed thither on Ship Tavestocke.

Thomas Curganven—Factor.
William Loyd—Writer.
John Monger—Writer.
Charles Douglash—Writer.

Ordered that Mr: Thomas Matthews do assist the Paymaster in the room of Mr: Loyd.

The Merchants having produced some fine Bettella's and Morees proper for Paintings: The sorters are ordered to compare the same with their musters and report their opinions.

Ro. Braddyll. Nat: Higginson.
Tho: Wright. Jo: Styleman.
M: Empson. ffrancis Ellis.
E: Tredcroft.

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The following order was signed by the Govr: and Councill Viz^t^. 7.

Being informed that ffrancis Davenport is by order of the Agent & Councill of Bengall sent hith^er^: by your ship for severall crimes & misdemeon^rs^: by him committed in Bengall. Wee hereby order you to cause the said Davenport to be deliver'd to the Custody of our Marshall Tilman Holt that he may be forthcoming to answer for y^e^: said crimes & misdemeanors. Dated in Fort S^t^: George this 7th January 169⅞. To Capt. Wm; Gifford Commr: of ship Sidney.

ROGER BRADDYLL. NATH^L^: HIGGINSON.
THO: WRIGHT. JOHN STYLEMAN.
MATT: EMPSON. FRANCIS ELLIS.
EDW^D^: TREDCROFT.

Received Generall Letters from Vizagapatam dated 21st: 23^d^: & 24th: December last w^th^: copy of their Diary & Consultations from the 6th: Dec^r^: to the 24th: Ditto &^ca^: papers as ℔ List.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Comodore and Councill at Anjenga. Incloseing a Generall Lre to his Excellency &^ca^: Councill at Bombay both of this days date. 8

Ship ffleetwood Robert Coffee master sailed for Vizagapatam by whome sent a Generall Letter to the Chief & Councill dated the 6 & [ ] Instants Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for what Laden on said ship. 9

Ship Nos Senhora de Rosairo Hossein Mahomod Nocqueda arrived in this road from Arracan.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 10TH

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ES^Q^: LIEUT. GEN^LL^: OF INDIA.
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Attorney Generall pays into the R^t^: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s^: 101: 10:2 being the overplus of the sale of Vincatachulums house. The Mortgage and Court charges deducted and two Pag^s^: paid the Rentall Generall.

M^r^: Roger Braddyll Mintmast^r^: pays into the R^t^: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^s^: seven thousand.

Ordered that Pag^s^: one thousand be paid to M^r^: Matt: Empson Paym^r^: for defraying Charges Garrison.

M^r^: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his acco^t^: Disbursements for the month of November last particulars vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pag^s^:	970: 29
Charges Diett	,,	231: 4
Charges Cattle	,,	24: 29
Charges Generall	,,	457: 24
Charges Merchandize	,,	164: 33
Ship King William	,,	473: 15
West Coast	,,	10: ...
Charges Extraordinary	,,	7: 23
Vizagapatam Factory	,,	1: ...
Bengall	,,	5: ...
Egmore &^ca^: new Towns	,,	0: 18
Fortifications & repairs	,,	161: 13
	Pags:	2508: 08

Generall Letters to the Agent and Council of Beng^ll^: to Capt: William Erle Commander of Ship Sampson and to the Pilots of Bengall all of this date read.

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The Lieutenant Generall read his account of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month of December y^{e}: balance being Pag^{s}: 1623: 25: 2.

Generall Letter from Bengall dated 4th: March $169\frac{6}{7}$ adviseing that they had permitted M^{r}: Winder to receive from the Interloper ship severall things sent him by his brother from England, and that he had contrary to his promise Laden aboard the Interloper severall pieces of goods for England which M^{r}: Winder had confessed & withall alledge that he had never been guilty of dealing with them directly or indirectly before but was a necessary deligent servant.

The onely matter alledged as culpable being y^{e}: lading of severall pieces of goods aboard the Interloper (which was supposed to be returns of the goods he had received by the ship) M^{r}: Winder being thereupon examined, doth declare that he never Laded any goods aboard the ship, but only designed to send 3 night rails I Quilt and 2 pieces of mulmuls by Capt: Hamond as a Present to his sister, in order to which had sent them to a Dutchman at Hughly to deliver but upon the Agent &^{ca}: displeasure recalled them, and they were not sent: and doth affirm that he never had other dealings wth: any Iterlop^{rs}: either before or since.

Resolved that M^{r}: Winder do not returne to Bengall dureing the Interlopers stay there.

M^{r}: Ellis read his acco^{t}: of the Callico Godown for the month of December last.

The Generall Letter from Bengall dated the 25th November 1697 adviseing that they have no farther to say to M^{r}: ffrancis Davenport then that he has been assisting to the French in bringing up their ships and Vessells, and referr to the registers of Fort S^{t}: George for his Crimes, which having been examined by the Register of the Court of Admiralty from whence the warrant was issued in $169\frac{2}{3}$ to the Agent & Councill for apprehending and sending him hither. Hee reports that he findeth no entry relateing to the said Davenport, nor is there any coppy thereof or any other evidence except the Generall assertion in the Bengall Generall Letter dated the 25th: November 97 Viz^{t}: That he has served y^{e}: French in bringing up their ships and Vessells Concerning which M^{r}: Davenport being sent for and examined. Hee doth confess that he Piloted a French ship over the braces and into Cucoloo River to save his own life, having taken his Passage from Surat on her, and the ship was taken with a storme in Balasore road wherein she lost all her anchors and doth deny ever to have Piloted any other French ship or Vessell since the warr between ffrance and England nor did he ever receive imploy Pay, promise of pay or gratuity, only had his Diett twelve months in their Factory which they gave him out of Civility.

It is referred to further consideration after wha^{t}: manner M^{r}: Davenport is to be dealt with.

Resolved that a Generall Letter be wrote to the Governour and Councill of Negapatam acquainting them wth: the circumstances of y^{e}: Japarra ship brought from Negrais & referring the Disposeall of the Ship and Cargo to them.

The Examination of the Quarrel at M^{r}: Kennedy's House was reported by the Choultrey Justices and read.

Ordered that Copy of the Books of Letters received and sent Ending ultimo December 97 and a Copy of the Diary and Consultation Book ending this day be sent home to the R^{t}: Honble: Company by ship Sidney.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.
E. TREDCROFT.

THO: WIGMORE, Sec^{ry}:

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List of Persons in the Service of the R^{T}: Hon^{BLE}: English East India Company in Fort S^{T}: George &c^{A}: Places on the Coast of Choromandell.

	Arrival in India.		Present Degree.	
1. Nathaniel Higginson Esq : married E.W. ...	March 19, $168\frac{3}{4}$	...	Govr.	
2. John Styleman Accomptant Do. E.W. ...	...		2^{d} : Councill.	
3. William Fraser	...		...	
4. Francis Ellis Godown Keep^{r}: of goods for Europe.	June 23, 1672	...	4 Councill.	
5. Roger Braddyll Godown Keep^{r}: of goods for sale marr^{d} : E.W.	April 13, 1683	...	5 Do.	
6. Thomas Wright Sea Customer marr^{d} : E.W. .	June 16, 1684	...	6 Do.	
7. Matthew Empson Paymaster marr^{d} : a Casteez.	July 20, 1687	...	7 Do.	
8. Edward Tredcroft Land Custom^{r} : & sorter.	July 22, 1687	...	8 Do.	
9. Matthias Warlinghoffe Engineer	Feb^{y} : 19, 1697	...	...	
10. John Meverell search^{r} : of the Sea Customs ..	July 22, 1687	...	S n^{r} : Merch^{t}.	
11. John Foquett rentall Generall	Octobr^{r} : 15, 1687	...	Do.	
12. Stephen Frewen under the Lieutenant Generall.	Feb^{y} : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	...	Merchant.	
13. Joseph Hiller assistant to y^{e} : storekeep^{r}, marr^{d} : E.W.	Nov^{r} : 22, 1692	...	Do.	
14. Thomas Wigmore Secretary	Nov : 23, 1692	...	Do.	
15. John Penford assistant to the Land Customer.	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692	...	Do.	
16. Jonathan Winder	Octob^{r} : 1692	...	Do.	Sent from Bengall.
17. Matt : Mead Attorney Gen^{ll} : & Sorter Entred here mar^{d} : E.W.	Jan^{y} : 1, $169\frac{2}{3}$	...	Do.	
18. William Morrice under the accomptant ...	Feb^{ry} : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	...	Factor.	
19. Thomas Marshall register	Feb^{ry} : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	...	Do.	Gone to Tonqueen.
20. Thomas Lovell	Feb^{ry} : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	...	Do.	
21. Gulston Addison receiver of the Sea Customs.	Feb^{ry} : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	...	Do.	
22. William Vandenancher und^{r} : y^{e} : accomptaut.	Nov : 5, 1689	...	Merchant.	Ought to have been No. 17.
23. James Eustace Steward	Febr^{ry} : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	...	Factor.	
24. Henry Dobyns Assistant to the Secretary ...	Febr^{ry} : 19, $169\frac{6}{7}$	...	Do.	
25. George Shaw in the sorting godown ...	Febr^{ry} : 19, $169\frac{6}{7}$	...	Do.	
26. Charles Bugden under Secretary at y^{e} : sea gate.	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692	...	Do.	
27. Thomas Harris Translater of Jentue ...	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692	...	Do.	
28. Thomas Mathews	Nov^{r} : 21, 1697	...	Do.	
29. Thomas Curganven	Novr. 21, 1697	...	Do.	Goeing to Bengall.
30. William Loy : under the Paymaster... ...	Dec^{r} : 15, 1694	...	Do.	Goeing to Bengall.
31. John Hutchinson at the Sea gate	Feb^{ry} : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	...	Do.	
32. Henry Davenport under the Secretary ...	Feb^{ry} : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	...	Do.	
33. John Monger	June 1, 1697	...	Do.	Going to Bengall.
34. Henry Marshall under the Secretary ...	Nov^{r} : 21, 1697	...	Do.	Going to Bengall.
35. Charles Douglass	Nov : 21, 1697	...	Do.	
36. George Lewis minister	...		...	
37. Nathaniel Stone assaymaster	...		...	
38. Edward Buckley Surgeon	...		...	

Fort. St David.

1. William Hatsell Esq : married E.W. ...	...		Govr :	
2. John Haynes Bookeeper married E.W. ...	...		2 Councill.	
3. Ralph Ingram warehousekeep^{r} ; Do. E.W.	...		3 Do.	
4. Edmund Mountague Sea Customer	...		4 Do.	
5. Richard Farmer Paym^{r} : married E.W. ...	Sep : 5, 1684	...	5 Do.	
6. Trevor Games Land Custom^{r} : marr^{d} : Casteez.	June 6, 1686	...	6 Do.	
7. John Berlu Land Custom Tevenapatam ...	...		7 Do.	
8. Robert Cranwell assist. to y^{e} : Sea Custom^{r}.	July 22, 1687	...	Senr : Merch^{t}.	
9. Edward Bawgus Steward	Nov^{r} : 5, 1689	...	Merch^{t}.	
10. John Rowland under the Bookeeper ...	Febr^{ry} : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	...	Factor.	
11. Edmund Bugden Secretary	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692	...	Do.	
12. John Bulteel assist. to the warehousekeeper and secretary.	Octob^{r} : 1, 1692	...	Do.	

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13.	John Nicholas und^{r}: y^{e}: Govr: & assist^{t}: to y^{e}: Sec^{ry}.	Dec^{r}: 1694 ...	Writer.
14.	Thomas Faucett Chyrurgeon	...	...

Vizagapatam.

1.	Simon Holcombe	May 31, 1685 ...	Cheife.
2.	Samuel Owen Bookeep^{r}: marr^{d} Casteez ...	July 30, 1682 ...	2^{d}: Councill.
3.	Thomas Stables Warehousekeep^{r}:	...	3 Councill.
4.	Richard Bridges Paym^{r}: marr^{d}: E.W. ...	Octob^{r}: 1, 1692 ...	Merch .
5.	Edward Tompson	Octob^{r}: 1, 1692 ...	Do.
6.	Joseph Hinmers Sec^{ry}:	Octob^{r}: 1, 1692 ...	Factor.
7.	Belzaliel Morrice Steward	Febr^{ry}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$ ...	Writer.
8.	John Cotter Surgeon marr^{d}: E.W.	...	...

List of Freemen Inhabitants.

1. Elihu Yale Esqr: his wife in England.
2. William Cawley late of Councill of Fort St. George.
3. John Nicks late Chief of Conimere married E.W.
4. Hamon Gibbons, late Chief of Indapoora.
5. William Keeling, late Chiefe of Tonqueen.
6. James Sowdon, late Govern^{r}: of York Fort.
7. Jeremiah Peachie, late Chief of Maulda.
8. Daniel Dubois, late Chief of Vizagapatam marrd: E.W.
9. Charles Fleetwood late Governour of York Fort.
10. William Proby married E.W.
11. Hugh Kennedy late second of York Fort
12. Alvaro da Fonseca Hebrew.
13. John Afflecke married a Casteez.
14. Daniel Chardin married a French woman.
15. Charles Metcalfe married a Casteez.
16. Laurence Bridger married E.W.
17. John Wessendoncke married E.W.
18. Samuel Glover married E.W.
19. Samuel Brown married E.W.
20. Christopher Allen married a Casteez.
21. Simon Kilpatrick.
22. John Brown married a musteez.
23. Edward Dutton.
24. William Mayhue married.

List of Sea-faring men not constant Inhabitants.

1. John Dolben Esqr: his wife in England.
2. Richard Trenchfield married a Casteez.
3. George Herron married a Georgian woman.
4. Robert Masfen married E.W.
5. William Harrison his wife in England.
6. Armiger Gostlin married E.W.
7. William Brooks married E.W.
8. Anthony Pennystone married E.W.
9. Edward Fleetwood married E.W.
10. James Howell married E.W.
11. John Wheeler married E.W.
12. Henry Laurence.
13. William How married E.W.
14. Samuel Hart married Casteez.
15. Richard Phrip married E.W.
16. John Gregory.
17. Samuel Vincent.
18. John Sewell.
19. Alexander Delgarno married E.W.
20. Charles Sherrer married E.W.
21. Henry Harnett married E.W.
22. Henry Griffith married a Casteez.

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23. John Mabb married E.W.
24. William Handcock.
25. John Wallis.
26. John Parham.
27. Augustin Hart Dutchman.
28. John Cockroft married a Musteez.
29. William Legatt married a Casteez.
30. William Stocke married E.W.
31. William Ryder married E.W.
32. William Griffin.
33. Joseph Child.
34. Thomas Lane married a Casteez.
35. Zachariah Stilgo.
36. John Tyler.
37. Christopher Dixon.
38. John Smith.
39. Thomas Plumb married a Musteez.
40. James Harris.
41. Edward Bell married a Musteez.
42. Richard Williams.
43. William Ladd.
44. Benjamin Harris.
45. Andrew Goodman married E.W.
46. Francis Holt.
47. Samuel Dixon.
48. Joseph Lister.

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1. Winifred Bridger.
2. Elizabeth Carrell.
3. Ursula Oneal.
4. Mary Gyfford.
5. Mary Ivory.
6. Mary Lacey.
7. Sarah How.
8. Mary Large.
9. Susana Harbin.
10. Johanna Martin.
11. Mary Pittman.
12. Margerry Heathfield.
13. Lucy Croke.
14. Mary [Burton.]

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1. Mary Poirier.
2. Lucy Poirier.
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